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## City officials angered by EPA decision

Romulus officials were stunned by the decision of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) last week granting Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) an exemption from federal restrictions on land disposal of hazardous waste for two injection wells in located in the city.

Tim Keyes, economic development director for Romulus, said that EDS has still not received an operating license from the State of Michigan.

"We (the city) were under the impression, as I believe most people in this matter were, that the EPA would not do anything until everything was settled at the state

*Her boyfriend, who is also over there, used to tell her, 'Stay on base, you're safe if you are here', but that never stopped her from going on missions.*

Dennis Kovacs

level," he said. "Obviously they did not wait for that to happen."

He referred to the EDS conflict with Sunoco Oil, which has obtained all necessary permits to extract brine from the Mount Simon rock formation beneath the city.

Keyes said that Sunoco has

received all the necessary permits from the state to begin to operate brine disposal and extraction wells in the same formation as EDS.

EDS, a company that disposes of hazardous waste, would use the wells, which are about 4,200 feet below the surface, to hold

hazardous liquid wastes, including acids and heavy metals like mercury, chromium and nickel.

"The problem is that both of these companies cannot have use of the wells," said Keyes.

Keyes said that Sunoco plans to store natural gas for future use in the formation. When the gas is in demand, Sunoco would then bring up the gas and replace it with brine or salt water.

If EDS were also allowed use of the wells to dump the hazardous waste, when Sunoco brings up the gas, it would also bring the hazardous waste to the surface.

"So, there is no way that the

two companies could use the space at the same time," said Keyes.

The EPA contends that based on an extensive review of the EDS petition for exemption and other information, such as scientific data and public comments, "the waste will stay confined to a layer of rock deep underground and will not threaten human health or the environment."

Research by the EPA also indicates that there is no conflict between the Sunoco extraction plan and the EDS wells.

EDS originally asked for an

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Although they did not place in the first of three competitions in the FIRST program, the Romulus Robotics team is ready to try again at the next regional competition this weekend in Cleveland, OH. The team finished 18th of 90 teams during the first competition. That national competition is next month in Atlanta, GA.

## Students geared up for second competition

Scott Spielman  
Editor

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

That's the philosophy members of the Romulus Robotics team will take next week when they try again to reach the national level of For Inspiration and Recognition of Technology (FIRST) competition next week.

The team traveled to Eastern Michigan University last week to take part in a regional competition there, but despite a strong showing didn't make the cut into the final round of competition. They came in 18th of the 90 teams there.

"I think we did pretty good," said Kevin Gay, a mentor and engineer with General Motors. "I think we're ready for the next event."

The competition pits a team of high school students and their real-life engineer mentors against other teams from other schools and companies. It technically gets under way in January, when the robotics clubs get the details of the competition from the event organizers. After that, they have six weeks to design a robot that will complete the tasks outlined in the competition. Then they ship it off to have it examined. The next time they see it – and the obsta-

cle course it must navigate – is on the day of the competition, according to Gay.

This year, robots had to perform a wide variety of tasks, including throwing balls into a set location and performing a mechanical chin up on a bar set above the competition floor.

"This was the most difficult task so far," Gay said.

Even so, it was a good experience for the students. Malcolm Rhodes, a junior at Romulus High School, said he was glad to take part in the event. It's his second year with the team.

"I've always been attracted to robots," he said. "You get to bring your ideas to life and see them perform."

The competitors have a brief opportunity to examine the course before they have to team up with another group of student and then face off against another pair of competing teams. That's the moment for strategizing, and seeing how the two robots can complement each other.

The Romulus club teamed up with eight other clubs throughout the day, and each time saw the same result.

"We have a very well-rounded robot," Rhodes said. "We filled in where they were

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## Congressman decries manufacturing losses

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Rep. John D. Dingell (D-District 15) is blasting President George W. Bush's economic policies because of the recent exodus of high-paying manufacturing jobs in the mostly blue-collar district.

Dingell said the loss of manufacturing jobs in the 15th District, which includes Inkster, Romulus and part of Ann Arbor, has taken a toll on those municipalities in terms of sustaining a tax base

and providing jobs to citizens living in the 15th District.

"Our districts made up of a lot of people who have worked in manufacturing for their entire lives," Dingell said. "They are descendants of people who worked in manufacturing. They have contributed to the productivity of this country and the defense of this country."

The last three years have proved difficult for the state of manufacturing in Inkster and Romulus: In June 2001, Lear

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## Council approves funds for wireless 911

Ashley Lawrence  
Staff Writer

Romulus police will now be able to pinpoint the location of any cell phone caller to the department.

Upgrades to the current wireless phone system at the police department will allow officers to aid emergency callers who may not have the ability or time to report the location of their problem. The upgrades will be funded by a grant from the Downriver Community Conference, approved by members of the Romulus City Council during the Regular meeting Monday night.

The Community Orientated Policing Services (COPS) grant was received through the United States Department of Justice by

the DCC. The \$999,500 was intended to enhance 911 systems for all members of DCC, including Romulus.

However, funds received did not provide enough capital to accomplish the original plan, said Charles Kirby, Romulus chief of police.

"There just wasn't enough money to do the whole 911 system, so they decided to divide the money by population and allow individual communities to enhance their own systems," he said.

Romulus, with one of the largest populations in DCC, received \$49,400

"By using the latitude and longitude points received from the GPS software, we will be able to track a cell phone caller who calls 911 for help," he said.



# Butt out

## Senator seeks state ban on restaurant smoking

Scott Spielman  
Editor

Don't believe everything you hear.

That's what State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) said about a poll released recently by the Michigan Restaurant Association (MRA) that shows there is little support throughout the state for a ban on smoking in restaurants.

Basham has pushed for a state-wide ban on smoking in restaurants since he served in the House of Representatives. Denied a hearing in the house and so far in the senate, he has launched a web site to promote the legislation, he said.

The poll, conducted by EPIC-MRA, found that 77 percent of respondents said that, when complying with current state law, restaurant owners should have the right to decide what is best for their business and their customers, when it comes to smoking issues, according to Bob Gifford, executive director of the MRA. Sixty-eight percent of responders said restaurants are meeting the needs of non-smok-

ers and no more government action is needed.

"This survey reiterates what we've said all along - that we're meeting the needs of all our customers, both non-smokers and those who smoke," Gifford said. "The results clearly demonstrate that Michigan residents believe in the rights of private business owners to operate their businesses as they see fit, and that there's no need for more government interference."

Basham said he didn't think the results were that clear cut, though.

"Polls depend on who does the sampling and who you sample," he said.

Kristyn Sorensen, spokesperson for the MRA, said the poll questioned 600 registered voters in Michigan. Of those, 60 percent said they would oppose a state law banning smoking in all restaurants.

Since 1997, she said, the number of smoke-free establishments has increased by about 27 percent. There are more than 3,600 smoke-free restaurants throughout the state.

"That number continues to grow," she said.

Basham said that he will continue to push the legislation, however. He said last year more than 2,500 people died from the effects of second-hand smoke. He pointed out that the state has already dealt with issues like drunken driving and health issues like second hand smoke are important, as well.

"It's not just a nuisance, it's a Class A carcinogen," he said.

His legislation would prohibit smoking in restaurants, but not in bars, taverns, private clubs like V.F.W. Halls or bowling alleys. Eight states, including New York, have approved similar state-wide bans on smoking, he said. In those states, tax revenues from restaurants have increased, not decreased, he added. Tax revenue went up by 12 percent in New York.

"If New York City can go smoke-free, Michigan should at least have the discussion," he said.

The City of Marquette recently approved a city-wide ban on smoking in restaurants, but a

court overturned their ordinance because a city or local municipality cannot have more stringent requirements than the state, Basham said.

Basham said there has been plenty of activity on his web site, [www.smokefreediningpetition.com](http://www.smokefreediningpetition.com), since it was launched earlier this year. There have been more than 100,000 hits on it and several people have signed up to help promote the initiative. If he's unsuccessful in getting the issue heard by the legislature, Basham said he may pursue a state-wide ballot initiative.

"This is an issue people want," he said. "They expect the state to be progressive."

The bill is currently in a holding pattern in the senate committee on commerce and labor, according to Basham. He's been promised by Committee Chair Sen. Jason Allen (R-Traverse City) a hearing this spring, and hopes that it will help decide the issue, once and for all.

"I'd be comfortable with the wisdom of the legislature on this, but it shouldn't be bottled up in a committee."

## Senior Alliance to benefit from 'Blues' concert

The Senior Alliance will host the second annual Night of the Blues Benefit at 7 p.m. Friday night at the V.F. W. Hall at Wayne

and Palmer roads in Westland. TC's Katz and King Tombo will perform at the event, which also features appetizers from 7-8 p.m.

pizza at midnight and a cash bar. The proceeds go to help The Senior Alliance, which helps senior citizens in more than two

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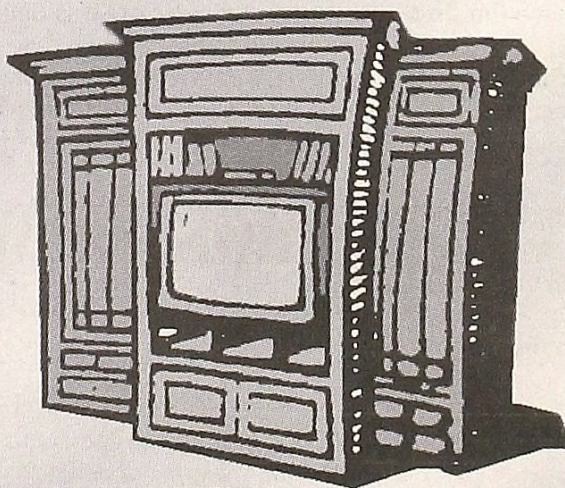
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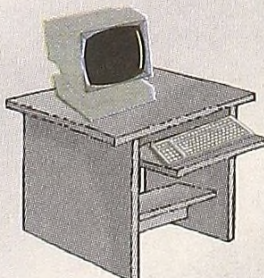
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Eva Webb, new Romulus deputy clerk, said she is very grateful for all she has learned working in city government for the last nine years.

# Deputy clerk position officially filled

Ashley Lawrence  
Staff Writer

After more than eight months on the job, Eva Webb said she has found her calling as the new deputy clerk.

Webb was officially sworn in as the new deputy clerk in December, but she said she has been doing the job since last summer.

"Beginning in about July, I began doing the job of both administrative assistant to the clerk, Linda Choate, as well as acting deputy clerk," she said. "It was a lot of work, but definitely worth every minute of it."

Webb is not a new face to the residents of Romulus. She has lived in the city since 1973 and served for four years on the Romulus school board with Mayor Alan Lambert.

In 1996, Webb began working for the city in the building department handling inspection scheduling and then she transferred to the clerks' office in city hall.

"When I came here I started off as the records clerk," said Webb. "It was the best decision I

ever made."

Webb, who took a pay cut during the move, said that the position of records clerk forced her to learn everything about city government.

"Every little piece of paper dealing with the City of Romulus goes through this office first because it is the hub of the city," she said. "So, by holding the position of records clerk, I was able to gain so much knowledge about different departments within the city and the way they worked."

In July, the position of deputy clerk opened, due to a medical leave, and Webb was the obvious choice for the job, but she continued as the administrative assistant as well.

"For eight months I was both the acting deputy clerk and the administrative assistant," she said. "It was a lot of hard work, but it has paid off for me."

In December of 2003, Webb was asked if she would like the deputy clerk position and she accepted the job, but she said she does not forget where she started.

"Some people think that the

records clerk job is beneath them, because the pay is not high, but I would have to disagree. Without that job I would not have the experience I have and I would not be able to do my job to the degree I can."

Webb said she is very happy in her job and she said she couldn't imagine working for a better boss than the current clerk.

"Linda Choate is the best boss, because she is so knowledgeable," she said. "There is nothing I ask her that she doesn't know. That comes from experience."

She said that it isn't very often that a person is able to work with friends, but she believes that she does every day.

"Dorothy Kitchen, the new administrative assistant is terrific, incredible and above everything, she is a friend."

Webb said she truly believes that in order to do a job like hers, a person has to love the city and the residents and have limitless dedication.

"You may not like me, but you're going to respect me."

## Jobs

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Corp. closed a seating plant in Romulus that resulted in 174 layoffs. Inkster-based Carron Industries, an automotive components manufacturer, closed in March 2002 and laid off 116 workers. Huntly Security, a Romulus firm contracted by the airport to provide security services, laid off 464 employees in 2002 after the function came under federal oversight after Sept. 11. Northwest Airlines trimmed 185 jobs in February of 2003 and another 984 a month later.

"Fair trade policies go a long way to help situations like that," Dingell said. "Part of our problem is that countries that have imported goods have closed their markets to us. I'm willing to compete with anyone, but there has to be a level playing field."

Jim Perry, the executive director of the Downriver Community Conference (DCC), said the protection of manufacturing jobs is essential to the survival of communities like Inkster and Romulus. "Manufacturing drives the economy and has for many years, especially in the automotive capital of the world," he said. "It is not just the jobs from the big three automakers in Michigan, it is all of the spin off jobs that are created. Small businesses with 100 or less employees make up much of this spin off employment. Now, when one of those companies closes down it is a devastating loss to the community where the business is

located, because these are the people that go out and spend their paychecks and keep the economy going."

Unemployment levels have more than doubled in Inkster and Romulus. According to the Michigan Department of Labor, only 4.4 percent of Inkster residents were unemployed in January 2000, compared to 10 percent in January 2004. In Romulus, 3 percent of residents were unemployed in January 2000, compared to 6.8 percent in 2004.

Bush's nomination of Anthony F. Raimondo as the new assistant secretary of commerce for manufacturing and services won't help the outlook for District 15, and neither will a considered reclassification of fast food jobs to the manufacturing sector, Dingell said.

"First, the White House says outsourcing is good," he said. "Then, the administration considers re-classifying burger flipping and milk shake mixing as manufacturing jobs. Now, the President's first choice to lead America's efforts to hold onto manufacturing jobs turns out to have already sent jobs to China."

Rep. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor), agrees. "The federal government and specifically the current administration don't seem to want to work with us to keep jobs here. The policy lovers in Washington D.C. seem to only be pushing their own agenda and not helping us. We want the federal government to care about our jobs, not just our profits," Hopgood said.

## Robotics

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weak."

Phil Martin, a Romulus senior, was the main robot driver during the competition. He said the most difficult part was making the robot block other robots while still performing their own tasks. That and getting it to navi-

gate a shallow step and pull itself up with its mechanical arms.

He said the team should have all the bugs worked out when the competition resumes this weekend in Cleveland, OH. The national competition takes place next month in Atlanta, GA.

"I think we did well with the way we were set up," Martin said. "Next time we'll be prepared. It's a learning experience."

## Permit

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exemption in January 2000 and the EPA announced in November 2002 that it was prepared to approve it, but the decision-making process was extended to last summer after the State of Michigan issued a permit to Sunoco allowing it to pump brine from layers.

The EPA found that based on the evidence in the record, they could reliably predict that Sunoco will not extract from the same formation EDS plans to use for injection.

"Extraction from the shallower Lockport Formation will not affect the EDS project," said EPA officials.

The exemption has been made on the condition that the EPA will automatically terminate it if Sunoco begins extracting from the injection zone.

"I am very disappointed that the EPA has reversed its original

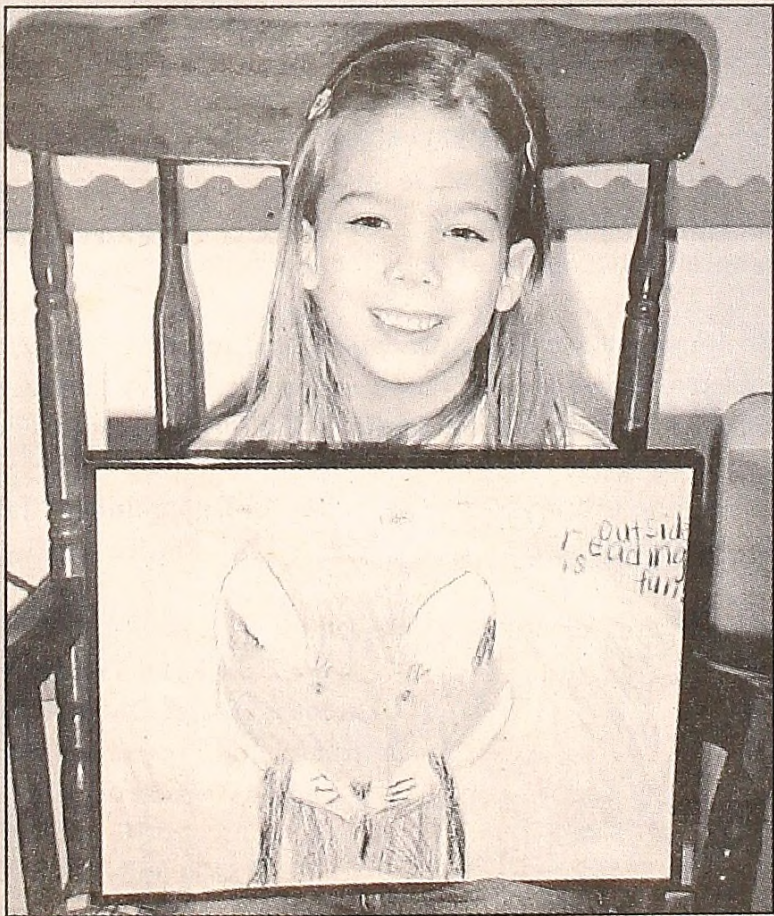
position that it would take no action until all issues had been resolved at the state level," said Mayor Alan Lambert. "The EPA's decision to grant an exemption to the EDS well is, in effect, the federal government's approval of EDS to proceed with the hazardous waste injection well," Lambert said.

"It concerns me that the EPA would make such a highly controversial and unwelcome decision at this point in time when there are still many unresolved public health concerns and serious conflicts with the nearby Sunoco facility."

Rep. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor) also voiced his concerns with the current ruling.

Keyes said that the city will do everything it can to fight EDS use of the formation in Romulus.

"We are doing everything to stop this from happening," he said. "We are in constant contact with our state and federal representatives regarding this issue, as well as, with Governor Granholm's office."



## Picture perfect

Kaytlin Greca, from Julie Forth's first grade class at Wick Elementary School won the National Scholastic Poster Contest. She competed in the poster-making contest through a sector of Scholastic Books, *Season's Readings*. Each child created their own poster and entered it along with 8,000 other children throughout the United States. Greca was one of 100 winners. Her poster, of a fox reading in the snow, will be displayed in the Scholastic Headquarters building on Broadway in New York City. She will also receive a professionally made copy of her design.



# OBITUARIES

## McCloskey, Earl R. Jr.

Earl R. McCloskey, Jr., 76, of Belleville, died Feb. 27.

Among his survivors are his wife, Lois-M. (Knight) McCloskey; a daughter, Cheryl Campbell of Belleville; a brother, Raymond (Marilyn) McCloskey of Brooklyn, MI; a sister, Sally (Mark) Kurf of White Oak, PA, and two grandchildren.

Mr. McCloskey served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Jimmy C. Walker officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

## CODY, Patricia B.

Patricia B. Cody, 73, of Pittsfield Township, died Feb. 10.

Among her survivors are her children, Kathleen A. (Kenneth) York of Willis, Cindy

Cody of Ypsilanti, Michael (Kimberly) Cody of Royal Palm Beach, FL and Kelly Cody of Belleville; a brother, Barry Breakey of Ypsilanti; grandchildren, Matthew Helm, Jeremy Helm, Melanie York, Elizabeth Liddicoet, Dakota Cody, Dalton Cody and Tiffany Zupan, and great-grandchildren, Caden Helm, Haley Helm, Ross Bottomley and Grace Helm.

Memorial services were at Trinity Episcopal Church where Mrs. Cody was a member, with Father John R. Hagan officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

## DALTON, R. C.

R. C. Dalton, 77, of Romulus, died March 3.

Among his survivors are his sons, Willard Michael (Rita) Dalton of Middlesboro, KY and Ricky (Daren) Dalton

of Romulus; a sister, Evelyn Combs of Trenton; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Dalton served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert J. White officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

## HAMBY, John A.

John A. Hamby, 54, of Belleville, died March 2.

Among his survivors are his wife, Sherrie L. (Clifford) Hemby; children, Cindy (Phillip) Musico of Dearborn Heights and Candy (Tony) Caincross of Taylor; stepparents D.C. and Lorna Riddle of Richmond; brothers, Race Hemby of Mt. Clemens, James Norkowski of Fife Lake, Rick Hemby of Richmond and Robert Riddle of

Memphis, MI; sisters, Sue Kelly of Traverse City, Marilyn Rice of Leighigh, FLA, rose Whittaker of Flint, Audrey Roose of Hale and Della Springer of Illinois, and four grandchildren.

Mr. Hemby served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He was employed by General Motors for 29 years.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Marjorie A. Longwood officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

## WILSON, Barbara Jean

Barbara Jean Wilson, 89, of Howell, formerly of Riverview, died March 8.

Among her survivors are her children, Marlene (Joseph) Dapsi of Belleville and Kathy (Al) Lipinski of Lake Wiley, SC; a

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## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Grants Land Ban Exemption to Environmental Disposal Systems Romulus, Michigan

EPA has granted Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) an exemption from federal restrictions on land disposal of hazardous waste for two commercial Class 1 injection wells in Romulus, Mich. EDS plans to accept liquid hazardous waste from other businesses and inject it into the wells.

In granting the exemption, EPA determined that the injection wells do not threaten human health or the environment. This decision is based on an extensive review of the EDS petition for exemption, as well as scientific data and public comments. EDS demonstrated that, to a reasonable degree of certainty, the waste will not leave a layer of rock deep underground – known as the injection zone – for as long as it remains hazardous. That significantly reduces the chance that the waste might contaminate an underground source of drinking water. Also, the wells will be continuously monitored throughout their operation.

Scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey and the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory in California reviewed EDS's data and computer modeling. These specialists in geology and computer modeling agreed that EDS had met the requirements for an exemption.

EDS originally asked for an exemption in January 2000. EPA announced in November 2002 that it was prepared to approve the exemption. The decision-making process was extended last May when the state of Michigan issued a permit to Sunoco Partners Marketing and Terminals LLC (SPMT). The permit allows SPMT to pump brine from several geologic layers, including the injection zone. EPA extended its review to look at the effect of the SPMT permit on EDS's project.

After a thorough examination of the evidence, EPA believes that if EDS injects waste, SPMT will not pump anything out of the injection zone. Pumping brine out of the shallower Lockport Formation will not affect the waste in the injection zone. To ensure safety, EPA's exemption is conditional: EDS would lose its exemption if any extraction well begins pumping material out of the injection zone.

During a public comment period, EPA received and responded to several hundred comments, making some revisions to the proposed exemption based on those comments. Every person who filed a comment will receive a written response. A document that includes comments and responses will be available in the following libraries:

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11121 Wayne Road

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OBITUARIES

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brother, Walter J. (Pauline) Smith of Livonia; 11 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wilson was an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

A memorial service was at Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville where Mrs. Wilson was an active member. The Rev. John R. Hagen officiated.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

KITTLE, Lawrence Allen

Lawrence Allen Kittle, 74, of New Boston, died March 9 in Leesburg, FL.

Among his survivors are his wife, Edna; children, Regina L. (Robert) Slye, Larry (Brenda) Kittle, Kenneth (Joyce) Kittle and Johnny (Rebecca) Kittle; five sisters; seven brothers, and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Woodhaven Baptist Church.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

Arrangements were entrusted to Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Flat Rock.

HAWKES, Harry F.

Harry F. Hawkes, Sr., 86, of Lady Lake, FLA, formerly of Huron Township, died March 8 at home.

Among his survivors are his wife, Margaret D. (Peasless) Hawkes; children, Harry F. Hawkes Jr. of Belleville, Owen G. Hawkes of Commerce Township and Sharry A. (William) Budd of Belleville; six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. Hawkes served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He retired from Wrigley's Foods after 50 years as a manager.

Funeral services were at the Michigan Memorial Chapel with Father John R. Hagan officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

PONDER, Dina Lillian

Dina Lillian Ponder, 81, of Belleville, died March 10.

Among her survivors are her children, Robert (Kathy) Ponder of Metamora, OH, Bill Ponder of Wyandotte, Barbara (Terry) Pohl of Belleville, Randall Ponder of River Rouge and Gary (Lisa) Ponder of North Hills CA; 11 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at St. Paul Evangelical Church in New Boston with the Rev. D. Lee Cullen, Jr. officiating.

Entombment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

HANSOR, Keith Arden

Keith Arden Hansor, 34, of Detroit, formerly of Belleville, died March 9.

Among his survivors are his wife, Lori Marie (Conczy) Hansor; children, Heather Nicole Hansor, Derek Bonczy and Marissa Hansor, all of Detroit; his parents, Richard Arden (Alyce) Hansor of Zephyr Hills, FLA and Beverly Helen (Ronald) Hansor-Wiertella of Seattle, WA, and sisters, Kristy (James) Swank of Canton Township and Karen (Brad) Mingas of Ypsilanti.

Mr. Hansor was a 1988 graduate of Belleville High School and was the maintenance supervisor for River Front Towers in Detroit.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Frederick Gross officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

BAYARD, Germaine

Germaine Bayard, 97, of Belleville, formerly of Dearborn, died March 14.

Among her survivors are her nieces and nephews, Marcel, Jean and Gilbert LeBlanc.

Mrs. Bayard was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Warren.

Graveside services were at Michigan Memorial Park with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

LARSON, Mary H.

Mary H. Larson, 88, of Carleton, died March 14.

Among her survivors are her son, Raymond; grandchildren, Daniel Larson and Dawn (Bert) Smith; two sisters, and a great-granddaughter, Krista Smith.

Funeral services were at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Huron Township.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

COX, Rita L.

Rita L. Cox, 75, of Brownstown Township, died March 15.

Among her survivors are her children, Donna (Peter) Stachel, James (Patty) Cox, Jacqueline (William) Robinson, Patricia (Ray) Combs and Ronae Razzaq; 16 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren, and two brothers.

Funeral services were at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Huron Township.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial

Park.

REDENIUS, Benjamin C.

Benjamin C. Redenius, 31, of Erie, PA, died March 13.

Among his survivors are his wife, Wendy Butler of Erie, PA; a son, Benjamin C. Redenius, Jr. of Erie, PA; his mother, Marilyn (Betit) Redenius of Erie, PA; his maternal grandfather, Col. Clarence "Larry" Betit, Ret. of Erie, PA; a brother, Marc (Patty) Redenius of Mexico; a sister, Jeanette (Daniel) Redenius-Irving of Erie, PA; aunts and uncles, Gregory (Jo-Anne) Betit of Crown Point, NY, Eugene (Shiela) Betit of Arlington, VA, Anne (Kevin) Fleming of Enosburg Falls, VT, Janet (Richard) Dreger, Marie (Larry) Preston and Thomas (Carla) Redenius, all of Muskegon, and several cousins.

Mr. Redenius served in the U.S. Army.

Graveside services were at St. Mary's Cemetery in Muskegon.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

MCCRORY, Shelly L.

Shelly L. McCrory, 46, of Wayne, formerly of Romulus, died March 15.

Among her survivors are her husband, Timothy L. McCrory; sons, Eric and Brandon McCrory, both of Wayne; daughters, Amy McCrory of Canton Township and Lindsey McCrory of Wayne; brothers, Larry Wiltsie of Taylor, Lynn Wiltsie and Michael Wiltsie, both of Romulus; a sister, Laura Wiltsie of Westland, and a granddaughter, Callee Rain Neasler.

Mrs. McCrory was a member of the American Legion and Eagles Club in Taylor.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. Donald Gregory of Faith Baptist Church in

Dearborn Heights officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

BARTUS, Vincent Dominic

Vincent Dominic Bartus, 81, of Willis, formerly of Detroit, died March 21.

Among his survivors are his son, Kenneth Bartus of Milan, formerly of Willis and Detroit; sister, Ann (George) Cris of Plymouth, and a brother, Frank (Shirley) Bartos of Belleville.

Mr. Bartus was a supporter of the Washtenaw Mental Health Advocacy and attended St. Joseph Catholic Church in Whittaker, MI. He retired from United Dairy.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with Father Nicholas Ritter officiating.

Interment was at St. Joseph Cemetery in Whittaker, MI.

BADITOI, Fred G.

Fred G. Baditoi, 80, of Canton Township, died March 17.

Among his survivors are his wife, Theresa (Lustrea) Baditoi; sons, Fred "Jerry" Baditoi, Jr., Dennis Baditoi and Mark Baditoi; sisters, Rose (Ron) Frueh and Virginia Moore; a niece, Karen Frueh; a nephew, James Frueh; a great-niece, Sarah Frueh, and a great-nephew, Alex Frueh.

Mr. Baditoi served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and a past member of the Lions Club.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Richard Crawford and the Rev. Jason Crawford officiating.

Interment was at Denton Cemetery in Van Buren Township.

ROMULUS HOUSING COMMISSION  
INVITATION FOR BID

The Romulus Housing Commission will receive sealed bids, March 31, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. in the office of the Commission, 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan to provide lawn maintenance service for 101 dwelling units of public housing, including the Commissions administration office site. All sites are located in the City of Romulus, Michigan.

Bid documents can be obtained during normal business hours at the Housing Commission office, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

For more information please call at area code (734) 729-5389.

Romulus Housing Commission is an equal opportunity employer.

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Charter Township of Van Buren  
Annual Cemetery Cleaning  
Notice

The Department of Community Services will be conducting its annual spring-cleaning at all township cemeteries.

Spring-cleaning will begin March 31, 2004, and run through April 10, 2004

Receptacles placed on graves such as flowerpots, religious items and similar objects will be discarded if not retrieved by March 31, 2004.

New items may be displayed beginning April 11, 2004.

Van Buren Township provides maintenance for the following cemeteries:  
Denton (Michigan Avenue and Denton Road)  
Soop (South I-94 Service Drive and Denton Road)  
Tyler (Tyler and Hannan Roads)  
Otisville (Riggs Road)

For additional information contact Leader Jeff Fondaw at 734.699.8921 ext. 228.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk

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ROMULUS HOUSING COMMISSION  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Romulus Housing Commission is seeking proposals for an Energy Audit of its housing facilities. Firms qualified to conduct energy audits are invited to submit proposals. The proposals shall include a list of the items to be checked during the audit. The scattered site public housing development was built in 1970. It consist of 101 two-story and single story dwellings that range from one bedroom units to five bedroom units. The exteriors are of brick with aluminum siding.

Please submit proposals to:

Director  
Romulus Housing Commission  
34200 Beverly Road  
Romulus, MI. 48174

Proposals are due March 31, 2004

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# BUSINESS

## On a roll Local auto supply store opens 2nd area location

Sharon Emeigh  
Staff Writer

Long-time customers are old friends at Romulus Auto Supply.

Customers of all ages come into the store and call the owner by his first name as they ask for

current establishment is located on Goddard Road and the new Romulus Auto Supply is located on Middlebelt Road.

Romulus Auto Supply has been in operation for about 30 years. O'Leary was not the first owner. He purchased the busi-



Douglas O'Leary, owner of Romulus Auto Supply.

*I enjoy the challenge of meeting new people, establishing accounts, and the friends I've made.*

**Douglas O'Leary**

his expertise on their car issues.

That's because Douglas O'Leary, a 40-year-old Canton Township resident, offers customers straightforward answers to their questions, he said.

O'Leary has been around the auto industry his whole life, he said.

"I'm married to the business," he said.

Last week he celebrated the grand opening of a second store, also located in Romulus. The

ness from his mentor, Ron Drugger, a few years ago when Drugger was ready to retire to Florida.

Drugger purchased the store in 1982 and O'Leary worked for him from day one, he said.

"He told me he would sell his business to me one day when he was ready," O'Leary remembered. "A lot of people said he wouldn't, but he came through."

Drugger was a father figure and a mentor, O'Leary said.

O'Leary recalled that Drugger never got upset about bumps in the road.

"He had a certain even keel about him that I try to emulate," he added. "I always try to think, what would Ron do?" He said of times when things get rough. "He wouldn't let it affect him. He always kept things in perspective."

O'Leary said that it's rewarding to be in business for himself.

"I enjoy the challenge of meeting new people, establishing accounts, and the friends I've made," he said. "The auto industry is ever changing."

O'Leary is savvy and is not afraid to jump on an opportunity,

either. Take the new establishment, for example.

One of his suppliers, Autowares, was looking to move out of their Taylor facility, he said.

"I called to entertain the idea of them moving to Romulus," he said.

Romulus is centrally located to major expressways and the airport, so he thought it would be a good location for them, he said.

Autowares agreed and set up a warehouse at 6800 Middlebelt Road. Then they asked O'Leary, a loyal customer, if he would like to establish a storefront in the front of their warehouse.

O'Leary talked to his mentor

about it and crunched the figures, he said.

"It seemed like it could work," he said. "So we're giving it a go."

Romulus Auto Supply specializes in domestic and foreign parts. They offer fleet and delivery services, make hydraulic hoses, turn drums and rotors, test batteries, alternators, and starters, carry tools and paint as well as paint supplies and they cater to walk-ins.

At the grand opening, customers could view the new virtual parts network, a system that will allow dealers and patrons to access catalogues and pricing for the many items that available.

## Plymouth restaurant owner living 'American Dream'

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Victor Nikollbibaj is a long way from the war torn town in Kosovo in the former Yugoslavia where he grew up.

These days, he is living the American dream as a business owner in downtown Plymouth. And he and his two brothers, who help operate the Grecian Café, don't look back. They look forward to continuing to build their clientele and improve the restaurant.

"It takes a hardworking, dedicated person to be successful in the restaurant business," said Nikollbibaj, who owns the café. "You have to live, eat and sleep the restaurant."

His philosophy has obviously proven successful.

The Grecian Café is imbued with Nikollbibaj's philosophy of doing whatever it takes to please his customers. The menu features numerous regional dishes from Greek to Italian.

"I came to the United States in 1986 when I was 18-years-old," said Nikollbibaj. "The times were getting really tough in Kosovo. There were wars going on and it became too hard to survive there. That's when I hopped on a plane and moved in with my uncle in Detroit."

From there, Nikollbibaj found employment repairing cars in Detroit auto shops. He started in the restaurant business as a dishwasher. Soon, he was dabbling behind the stove and experimenting with different recipes. His training was completely hands-on from past restaurant experience, he said.

"I originally was going to school to be a mechanical engineer," said Nikollbibaj. "When that wasn't paying the bills, I decided I wanted to open my own restaurant. Now I couldn't see myself doing anything else."

Nikollbibaj has owned the Grecian Café for about four years.

"One day I was driving in Plymouth and I saw that the location was for sale," said Nikollbibaj. "I went in, had a cup of coffee, made the former owner an offer and bought the restaurant."

Extensive remodeling work was completed in the kitchen, dining room, menu and service. When he bought the restaurant he transformed the entire menu, he said. He receives help from his two brothers who are chefs at the cafe.

"My family is a big part of what I do," said Nikollbibaj. "We all work together. I run the entire operation with the help of my brothers."

The 24-hour food haven serves everything from breakfast meals to traditional Greek specials. The top seller—the chicken Greek salad—is just one of the many popular dishes. Customers can also feast on gyros, kabobs and spinach pies all made from scratch. The quick service, tasty entrees and quality food presentation all contribute to making the Grecian Café stand out from its competitors, said Nikollbibaj.

"Lunch is our busiest time," said Nikollbibaj. "Our food specials and home cooked meals are what makes our lunches so popular. You don't have to wait more than 10 minutes ever to get your meal."

Personality, service, taste and cleanliness

*It takes a hardworking, dedicated person to be successful in the restaurant business.*

**Victor Nikollbibaj**

all make the restaurant what it is, he said. His devotion to the café shows from the 16-hour days he puts in. Customer satisfaction is number one, he said.

"Just this year there was an accident in the restaurant," said Nikollbibaj. "A car was trying to park and ended up crashing into the building. Luckily, no one was hurt. The patrons were in such a big hurry to eat here because the food is so good, so instead of hitting the brakes, they hit the gas," he joked.

On a normal day, regular customers visit the café to enjoy their respective favorites—mousaka—baked eggplant, pastitsio—baked

macaronatha, or spanakotiropita—spinach cheese pie. The most expensive meal is only \$9.95. All dinners are served with Greek bread, butter and a choice of soup, salad, cottage cheese or cole slaw.

"You can get almost anything you want here," said Nikollbibaj. "Then, you can wash it down with our special baklava for dessert."

Nikollbibaj said that the inviting restaurant could not be anywhere else but in Plymouth.

"I like this town," said Nikollbibaj. "I like it so much I bought a house here."

### CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 03/04-34 CAMERA EQUIPMENT

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by Emailing: [romuluspurchasing@icwww.net](mailto:romuluspurchasing@icwww.net)
- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office prior to 10:00 am, Tuesday, April 06. At which time said bids will be publicly opened and read.

#### BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE  
BID 03/04-34 - CAMERA EQUIPMENT  
11111 Wayne Road,  
Romulus, Michigan

- (3) The right is reserved to reject one or all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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# OPINION

## Enough is enough

If you ask a dozen people what the role of government is in the development of business in the community, you'll probably get a dozen different answers.

It's a question that officials in the City of Wayne have been asked, and will be again, as they work to continue a downtown revitalization project. If you ask members of the city council and administration, they'll probably tell you that they want to bring businesses into town to help provide a more balanced tax base. They'll say they want businesses to come in and succeed, because that means the community is succeeding.

Ask businessman Robert Wojtowicz, however, and he'll tell you just the opposite.

That's because for 18 months Wojtowicz has been trying to turn a historic building on Michigan Avenue into a trendy dance club that will serve patrons 21-years and older. He says the city has fought him all the way, finding more work for him to do at each subsequent inspection.

The city says they are merely following state requirements; that the proposed use is the most intensely regulated of all possible uses that could take place in the site.

That may have been a viable excuse a year ago, but enough is enough. City officials have already determined that they can't stop Wojtowicz from opening his club. Stringing him along, an item at a time, before he gets his certificate of occupancy, is simply counterproductive.

This is something that has already cost the city money in legal fees. It may cost more before it is decided. It may not be the job of city inspectors or the community development department to instruct developers on how to complete their projects, but we suspect they'd be a lot more forthcoming and helpful if Wojtowicz wanted to open a four star restaurant.

City officials may not like the concept of the bar, but here's a businessman who has put a lot of money into the community in hopes of attracting more people into it.

We're not suggesting the city circumvent state statutes or look the other way on things that need to be done. But it's long past the time when they should simply give him a list - however long it may be - and let him finish his project in peace.

## Flushed with pride

Benjamin Franklin once said that necessity was the mother of invention.

Residents, business owners and city officials in Plymouth proved that was the case recently when they came up with an inventive way to solve one of our most basic needs - the need for a public restroom.

All the 'i's have yet to be dotted the 't's crossed, but officials are confident that they were successful in generating the \$150,000 required for the plan from the community.

You read that right. They raised \$150,000 from the community to pay for a public restroom. In the end, it won't cost the city anything and everyone will be much relieved from the effort.

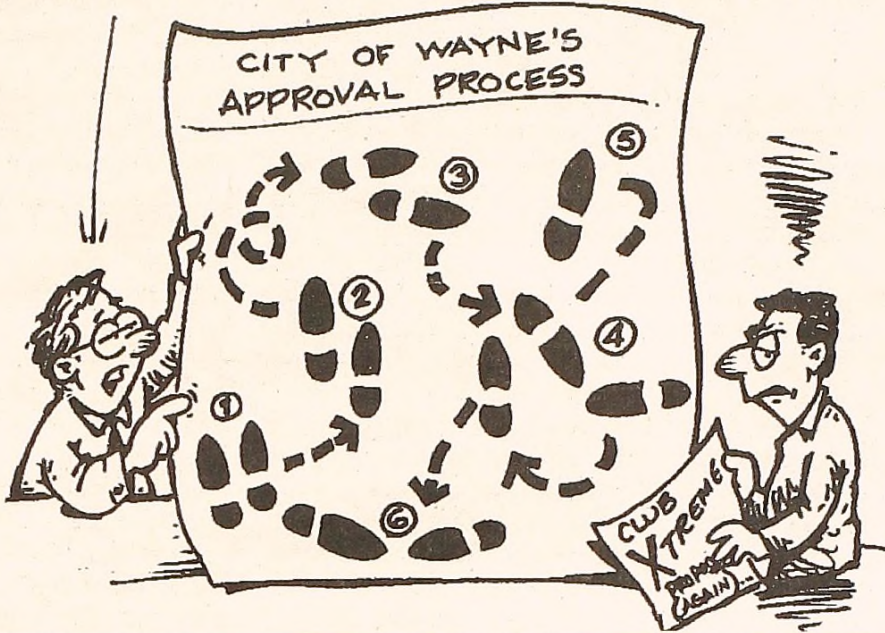
Obviously it has to be a satisfying feeling to succeed with a plan that has long been discussed, but never really pushed.

It says a lot about those who headed up the effort, those who responded to it, and those confident enough to open their wallets or their corporate check books and contribute to the effort.

Perhaps it was to be expected that organizations like the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce would contribute to the plan. It likewise makes sense that business owners and organizers of events like Art in the Park would chip in, that service groups would get involved, too. These are all organizations with plenty of interest in the city. And when a relatively small group like the Plymouth Community Band agrees to a \$2,500 donation, it just shows the depth of the positive feeling for the city, and the plan.

The community has every right to be flushed with pride.

YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO FOLLOW A FEW SIMPLE STEPS!



## Tell them I sent you

Six months from now, when I think back about the way the first phase of the expansion plan for Community Park in Northville was finalized, I will probably dwell on a single moment.

That moment took place at the special meeting and study session Tuesday, March 16, two days before the board of trustees was scheduled to discuss the topic.

I was skeptical about the need for a meeting that close to a regularly scheduled meeting to begin with. I was concerned as well that the supervisor and clerk weren't there.

That skepticism increased when township trustees Marv Gans and Brad Werner each wanted to know how I and a reporter from the *Detroit Free Press* had found out about the meeting.

"How did you find out about this?" they asked, and I confess I was momentarily taken aback. I can usually come up with some off the cuff comment in nearly any situation, but not this time.

It wasn't because I didn't have an answer, or even had to choose from the right answer, either.

It was a posted meeting.

Why would that simple question raise my eyebrows, increase my skepticism, send up a few red flags?

## Healthier in the long run

I'm often asked whether I dreamed of being a major league broadcaster as a child. My answer is always the same: I became a broadcaster because I grew up wanting to play baseball in the worst way - and that's exactly how I played it.

Though this tongue-in-cheek reply gets a chuckle or two, it also reminds me that there's often a best way, and a worst way, to do things.

So if you have decided to exercise to improve your health, here are three important things to remember about the best way to begin:

First, consult your doctor. Next, start slow and increase your level of exercise gradually.

Well, because when you ask a newspaper reporter or editor: "How did you find out about this meeting," you're actually asking: "What are you doing here?"

That's not something you want to pose to someone from the press at a posted public meeting, no matter how hastily it was organized.

This proposed park expansion is a decision that will result in an immediate expense of \$3 million. It will result in an increase in the budget for the parks and recreation department beyond what some staff members - including the financial departments in the city and the township - are comfortable with. It could put a strain on the working relationship between the city and the township because the two operate a joint parks and recreation department and city officials have already told township officials that they can't afford to contribute more funds to the department. That means the township may be forced to further subsidize the city portion of the bill, while they already purchase parkland and develop it.

Of course I was there. And yes, I was skeptical about the meeting. I'm skeptical of the way this plan is moving forward, and I'm skeptical of the reason for tabling the issue Thursday night. There were only

six members of the board present, and any vote on the plan would have probably resulted in a tie.

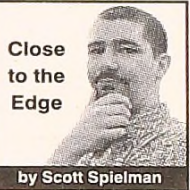
Coincidence? Maybe.

Ironically, I'm in favor of the expansion. Some have criticized it because it brings in more athletic fields and many people would rather see more passive recreation areas developed. I don't think that's a valid argument in this case because the park will eventually top out at more than 100 acres and provide for all types of recreational uses. This is just the part that needs to be done first; the infrastructure is important, the drainage work. Smaller pieces can be added on later.

It still needs to be done smartly, and I don't think the best way to do that is to ignore the number-crunchers, plow ahead and hope the community will make up the difference later on.

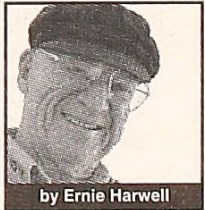
The board will host another study session on the item at 7:30 p.m. tonight. They said they're not going to vote on the project. They're not required to take public comments, but they may be willing to.

Check it out. And if you attend the meeting and anyone asks you how you found out about the meeting, tell them I sent you.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman



by Ernie Harwell

it's lonngggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone.

Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available in bookstores beginning April 2004.

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# The universe plays at poetic justice

Thomas Wolf is probably most famous for his axiom, "You can never go home again." For years, I questioned that, believing that for me it was true. Part of it was also ego. I'd ridden the pony hard and was flying pretty high with success, thinking it would be too hard to go back to a smaller place. Was I wrong? Maybe.

Several months ago, my past became my present and started calling me. I had vivid dreams and detailed recall of things that happen when I was a boy growing up in Milwaukee.

Memories of excitement building each week as a certain day approached and the latest issue of Donald Duck comics would be at Hall's Drug Store.

Before the store opened, I'd stand at the front door, wearing navy blue shorts and white T-shirt, the early morning sun warming my back as silver-haired Mr. Hall would smile and let me in. Huey, Louie and Dewey, and all the trouble they were getting into were waiting to inspire me.

"What's that all about?" a friend asked after I explained my plan.

"I really don't know," I replied. "Maybe it's something you do just before death."

"Nice," he said shaking his head at my dark humor.

I was kidding, yet part of me wondered if that could be true. Regardless, I knew I had to go and make myself available to all that was waiting for me.

It had been 20 years since I'd been to where I was born. I'd been back to bury my mother, did so and left, never looking back.

I arrived at Gen. Billy Mitchell field on a cool, gray Saturday afternoon. My niece, Susan, offered to pick me up and take me to her mother's house. Mary Ann, my sister, spends winters in Florida and when I'd called her a few days earlier she offered her house.

"So, what made you decide to come home," Susan asked as we drove from the airport.

"It's been calling me," I explained. "I'm here to answer the call and see what the universe has in store for me."

"O-o-o-ok," she said smiling.

We walked into the house and Susan went to turn on the heat. I followed. Walking into the dining room where the thermostat is. I stopped dead in my tracks.

"Whoa," I said. "Look at that."

There on the table, sat a very old dark green photograph album

filled with family pictures from the 1920s. Pictures, I'd forgotten existed.

"See what I mean," I said to Susan, "The universe at play."

She looked a little spooked because her parents had not been home since Christmas and had no idea I'd be coming in April.

I drove the neighborhoods I'd walked as a boy, remembering wonderful times, peaceful times of mutual respect and genuine caring for each other. Down the street I'd delivered newspaper on, past the house where Gorgeous George the famous wrestler of the 1950s had lived and onto the street General Douglas MacArthur rode in a hero's parade.

That night I ate at Demarini's Pizza, where they've been making pies since the early 1950s. And, I remembered...

As a teen I'd go out with my friends and drink beer—too much beer. When I'd come home at night, Mom would be laying for me. I'd run into the bathroom and upchuck telling her I'd eaten Demarini's pizza and gotten sick.

The next day, Mom would invariably say, "You'd better not eat that pizza, it always makes you sick."

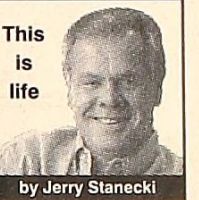
Lying in bed that first night back, a stomach full of pizza, I felt I was going to throw up. I started laughing and was absolutely sure that Mom was rolling around on a cloud, looking down at me, laughing so hard so was holding her sides.

Poetic justice I think it's called.

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## LETTERS

### Residents decries lack of parking

To the editor:

Parking spaces everywhere but not a parking space to park

I am amazed at the abundance of parking spaces the City of Wayne has to offer. It is one of the positive things we have to offer to become a "cool" city.

I live and work in the City of Wayne and would like to present our city to others as a friendly place to live.

I recently lost my parking space at work due to recent new business developments. No biggie because it is in our best interest to bring new customers into our city and after all, we do want

to be a cool city right?

So I decided to try one of those "free" parking spaces. I received a call that I cannot park there. Hmmm, no signs that tell me I can't park there. So I decided to park at another "free" parking space and lo and behold, I get a pizza box on my window stating "Do not park here, if you do again, you will be towed!"

If we want people to find the City of Wayne to be a "cool" city, we must look inward and reach out to our neighbors and welcome each other in the effort that this may be a change to our financial climate. The business I work for frequently visits our neighbors in hopes that it may bring

goodwill and a pleasant place to be. To bring clients and business to those should bring long lasting friendships...and hopefully a place for me to park.

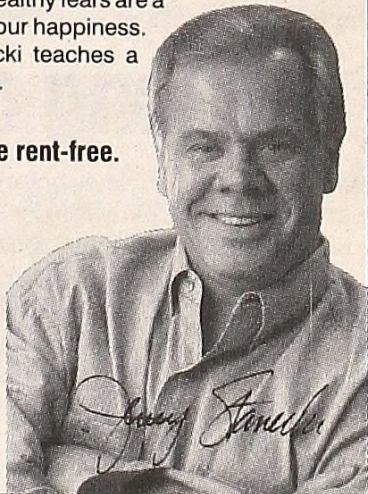
A lifelong resident of Wayne,

Wanda Johnson,  
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# THE SCENE

## Book Review

### Absolute master Newest thriller proves author's mastery of spy genre

What do former spies, trained in intrigue, deception, tradecraft and assassination do when there is no target left on which to use their job skills?

Simple. They create one. And they are well trained to do so.

John Le Carre, one of the forefathers of the British spy novel, has created a tale of conspiracy and collusion among these dangerous professionals that will chill some readers to the core and validate the suspicions of others.

LeCarre, long rumored to have actually been a member of the British Secret Service, is the author of numerous classic best-sellers dealing with the spy game. His heroes have usually been patriots to their core, most often betrayed or mistreated by the political masters who employ their skills and then deny any knowledge of their existence. These are men and women trained to kill and walk away. And they are as flawed as the rest of the human race.

With his latest book, *Absolute Friends*, LeCarre introduces readers to two separate and distinct characters, both spies deemed redundant by their governments. The two became friends during their youthful adventures as political activists in Germany when they were students. That activism led to accidental recruitment as spies for separate governments and subsequently turned each of them into a double agent and controller.

LeCarre first introduces readers to deposed spy Ted Mundy, who has been reduced to working as a tour guide while he avoids his creditors. Mundy has fallen from great heights, albeit none financial, because he was never well paid for his spying during the Cold War. Mundy was, in fact, a patriot who thought he was doing something for his country and his fellow man. Readers are painfully, but skillfully, drawn into Mundy's bizarre childhood and adolescence. The long, convoluted but masterful creation of Mundy's formative years with his disgraced soldier father in India may be tedious for some, but it is a display of characterization many authors might use as a model for their work.

Mundy's life is changed, irretrievably, when he meets Sasha, a short, volatile, political zealot with an intellect undiluted by his physical handicap. The adventures of the two during their student years moves slowly, slowly, slowly toward their inevitable careers as spies, one on either side of the Berlin Wall.

Their separate and combined history unites them until Sasha disappears and Mundy's services are "no longer necessary" and he is sent packing by the government powers that recruited and trained him.

Sasha spends his forced "retirement" traveling, lecturing and teaching, while Mundy finds himself divorced and nearly destitute. Romance enters his failing life, however, when he encounters Zara and her 11-year-old son. The three have become a family and, while desperately poor, are learning to live a somewhat normal life.

And then the mysterious Sasha reappears in Mundy's life, using tradecraft signals to indicate that secrecy is all that will keep him and his old friend and controller alive.

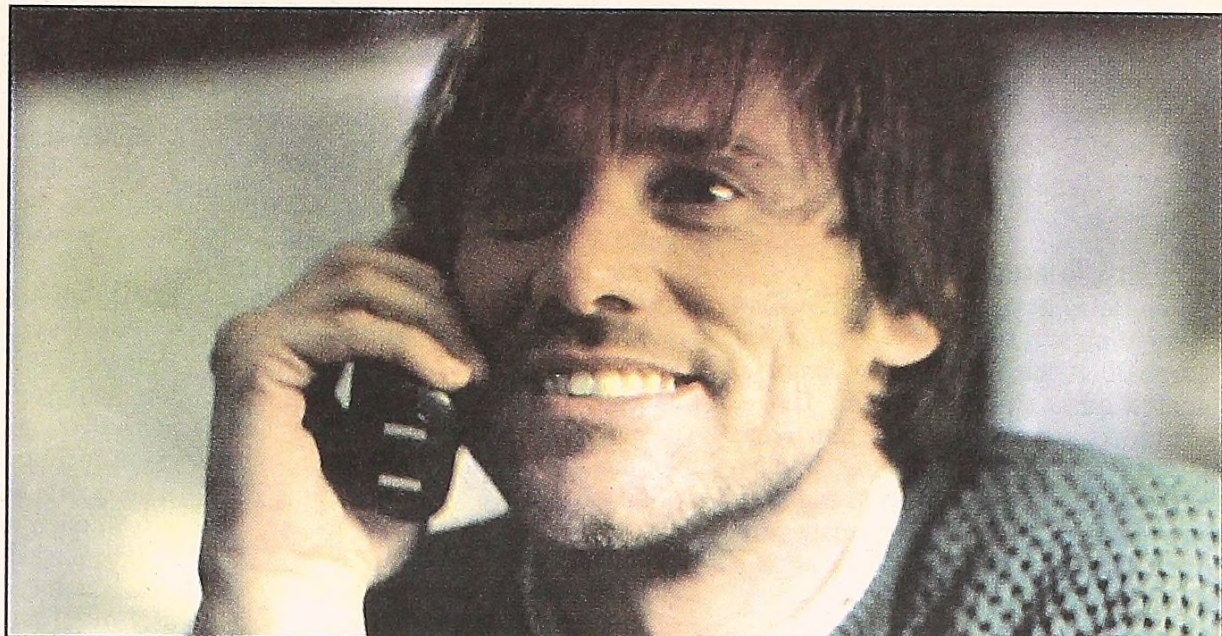
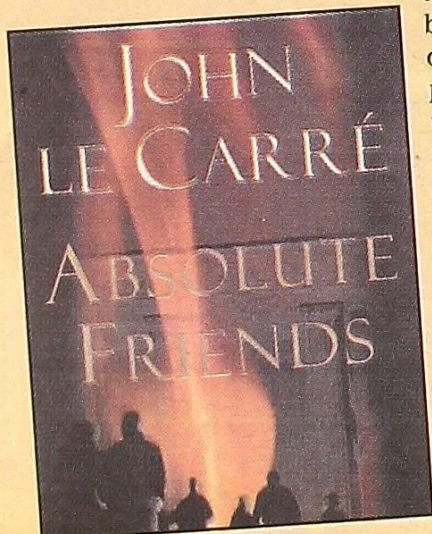
The pair share a jaded and critical view of the war in Iraq, of the current state of world politics and those who lead the most powerful nations on earth. And they still seek change. Sasha, it seems, has found a way to make those changes through a mysterious billionaire willing to fund a school where Mundy can teach real world philosophy and political science. Mundy has the chance

to become not only solvent, but rich, and realize his dream of teaching young people the real ways of the world. Sasha will lecture at the school and both will be well paid.

But nothing is ever what it seems.

LeCarre has used the young idealism of his two old spies to demonstrate their true character and nature. And despite all their failings, readers will begin to respect and

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Jim Carrey

## Shining success 'Spotless mind' is flawless film making

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Who or what would you have erased from your memory if it were possible?

Most audiences would agree that the latest Jim Carrey film, *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* would not be included among those things best forgotten.

This may possibly be the finest movie made this year, last year and, maybe even next year. It is easily Carrey's most brilliant dramatic acting role ever, and although it's early in the year, merits Academy Award consideration. He strays from the slapstick rubber-face humor that he's most known for and takes on a touching, dark and romantic comedy. His earlier attempts at the switch, *Cable Guy*, *The Majestic* and *The Truman Show*, were box office tragedies but *Eternal Sunshine* clearly rises above anything he has ever done.

Carrey plays Joel, a down-on-his-luck introverted guy, who discovers that his free-spirited and impulsive girlfriend, Clementine (Kate Winslet) has undergone a doctor's (Tom Wilkinson) experimental memory-erasing procedure to wipe Joel from her mind after their relationship fails.

Joel decides he can't live with the fact that he's still in love with a woman who doesn't remember the time they shared together. His solution? He undergoes the same procedure to have Clementine erased from his memory.

Most of the film takes place in Joel's mind and works backward as each memory of Clementine is relived as it is erased. Once the process starts, Joel realizes that he doesn't want to lose his fond memories of Clementine and tries whatever he can to subvert the procedure. He attempts to hide her away in other parts of his memory, to no avail.

Also involved in a twisting subplot are the doctor and his mischievous technicians (Mark

Ruffalo, Kirsten Dunst and Elijah Woods), who are in charge of the procedure. Their impact on the relationship of Joel and Clementine is not to be discounted.

Charlie Kaufman, who brought us the mind-bending complexity of *Adaptation* (2002), *Confessions of a Dangerous Mind* (2002) and *Being John Malkovich* (1999), coauthored the screenplay and is as deserving of an Oscar

memories and experiences that make us who we are. And that's especially true when they pertain to relationships and love.

The film was directed by Michel Gondry (*Human Nature*, 2002), also a coauthor on the project. He takes the complex pieces and weaves them together to create a humorous yet melancholy love story, easy to follow, worth remembering and with a message. He too should receive a not from his peers as best director next February.

The 1 hour and 48 minutes of the film move fluidly back and forth in time and circumstance using few, if any, of the prerequisite computerized special effects that seem to prevail in Hollywood today. That's a remarkable achievement in this day and age of 3 1/2 hour Hobbit movies that seem like 4 hours.

Those expecting to see typical, mindless Jim Carrey slapstick will be sorely disappointed in *Eternal Sunshine*. But those looking for possibly the best written, directed and acted film this year will appreciate and enjoy it.

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nomination as Carrey. As complex as the story appears, it's a love story with a simple message: no matter how badly we wish to forget some things, it's those very



Jim Carrey (left) and Kate Winslet (right)



## CALENDAR

### Red Wing appearance set

The Detroit Red Wings Hall of Famer Bill "The Great Gadsby" will be at McCoy's Grill Saturday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Gadsby will be there for a book signing of his new autobiography, "The Grateful Gadsby." McCoy's Grill is located at 333 Industrial Park Dr. in Belleville. For more information, or to reserve a book, call (734) 699-3258.

### Relay for Life meeting planned

The Relay for Life of Van Buren kick-off meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on March 30 at the Holiday Inn Express, located off of the I-94 Service Drive. Volunteers are needed to organize and recruit teams, seek community support, find refreshments and prizes, and plan entertainment. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Renay Weiss at (248) 483-4359.

### Dose of reality workers sought

The Belleville Business and Professional Women's Club is looking for volunteers to help with the reality store at South Middle School planned for 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. May 11. Volunteers are need-

ed to help the students move through the stations of the store, or donate items for a "goodie bag." For more information, or to volunteer, contact Gwenyth Ashe at (734) 699-6970, or Pat Richards at (734) 483-6057.

### Inkster

#### Women's money seminar scheduled

The money management seminar "Smart Women Finish Rich" will take place at Robichaud High School from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. April 7. Speakers and financial planners Les Heddel and Edward Jones will speak about the seven steps to financial wealth and retirement planning. The cost of the seminar is \$15. For more information, call Ernestine Fowler-Purdie at (313) 565-3473.

#### Church plans clothing giveaway

Middlebelt Baptist Church in Inkster has scheduled a clothing giveaway from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday. Clothing for men, women, babies and children will be available. The church is located at 943 Middlebelt Road. For more information, call Middlebelt Baptist Church at (734) 728-3838.

### Wayne

#### Mad Tea Party planned

The Wayne Parks and Recreation Department will host a Mad Tea Party from 7-9 p.m. on March 25 at the Wayne Community Center in Wayne. The event is a fundraiser for the Civitan playground. For more information or to host a table at the event, call the parks and recreation department at (734) 721-7400.

#### Family fun night set

The Wayne Parks and Recreation Department will host the annual family fun night from 6-10 p.m. on this Saturday at the Wayne Community Center. The event includes wallyball, basketball, ice skating, arts and crafts and more. Tickets are \$8 each or \$25 for a family of four. Children aged 2 and under are free. For tickets or information call the department at (734) 721-7400.

#### Marshmallow Drop scheduled

The Wayne Parks and Recreation Department will host the 25th annual Marshmallow Drop on Friday, April 9 at the Anderson Baseball Fields in Attwood Park. The first drop, for toddlers to age 4, will take place at 10 a.m. The second drop will be for children aged 5-7 years, and the third, for children aged 8-10 years. The free event is sponsored by the Wayne Youth Team.

#### Breakfast with the Bunny set

The Wayne Parks and Recreation Department will host a breakfast with the Easter Bunny event from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, April 9 at the Wayne Community Center. Tickets are \$4, which includes pancakes, sausage, juice, arts & crafts and clowns. For more information, call the community center at (734) 721-7400.

### Westland

#### Brunch with the Easter Bunny planned

Westland will host a brunch with the Easter Bunny from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, April 3 at the VFW 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Brunch will include pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, tea and milk. Tickets are \$3 for children ages 1-12 and \$4 for adults ages 13 and up. The Easter Bunny will attend and be available for \$2 photographs. Tickets are available at the Bailey Center, 36651 Ford Road, or at the door. For more information, call Barb Polich at 734-729-4941.

#### Easter Egg Scramble scheduled

There will be an Easter Egg Scramble from 1 until 4 p.m. Saturday, April 3 at Jaycee Park, Westland, at the corner of Wildwood and Hunter. The first scramble begins at 1 p.m. with children aged 0-3 years. Bring a basket or bag for the eggs. Other activities are available. The event will be cancelled in case of rain. For more information, call 734-643-9870.

#### Westland State of the City Address set

Mayor Sandra Cicirelli has scheduled her annual State of the City address at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14 at the Senior Resource Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh Road. The event is open to the public and free.

### Regional

#### POPS concert takes to stage

The Plymouth Symphony League will present the annual symphony fundraiser on April 24 at the Laurel Manor. The concert, entitled "The Best of Broadway," will also feature dinner and a benefit auction. For tickets or to donate to the auction, call the symphony office at (734) 451-2112.

## Spies

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admire each of them for their lack of compromise in a world full of ambiguity.

The message LeCarre has this time is clearly parochial—he believes only the worst of Tony Blair and George Bush—but his delivery is solid and readers will be more involved than comfortable when he brutally brings home his message of betrayal and manipulation of each and every one of us.

Make no mistake, while this novel moves slowly and the detail seems tedious at times, readers are in the presence of a master of the English language and a skilled craftsman. LeCarre knows exactly where he is taking readers—and his unflinching conclusion is both shocking and thought provoking.

This is a book to be read for the enjoyment of the use of language as well as plot. And while the political commentary may not be agreeable, LeCarre's mastery of non-linear presentation cannot be faulted.

Highly recommended.

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# Woman's group sponsors 'Reality Store' at school

Scott Spielman  
Editor

About 500 students from John Glenn High School will get a small dose of reality next week when the Wayne Business and Professional Women (BPW) host their annual Reality Store event.

The event gives ninth grade students a brief look of what life might be like after high school and college, according to coordinator Mary Ann Ellis. It's a one-day event that leaves a long-term impression, she said.

"I've had counselors tell me that no amount of lecture has the same impact as this," she said. "It's amazing that this simple process has such a tremendous impact"

The program is a joint one between the BPW and the school district, with a little help from members of the community

thrown in. It starts when the freshmen consider what type of occupation they'd want, given their interests. The freshmen benefit for a variety of reasons, she said.

"They're just beginning to plan for their whole career track," she said. "They'll be choosing classes. They know how their grades could affect them."

The students are randomly assigned lifestyles, whether or not they are single, married, have kids or are childless. They are then given their own checkbook and required to keep track of their own expenses.

From there they travel to about a dozen booths manned by community volunteers, Ellis said. The booths each represent a different facet of life – groceries, homes, child care.

"That one always knocks them for a loop when they see how expensive it is," she said. "And we

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**Mary Ann Ellis**

make them pay for child care. They can't just say, 'Well, my mother will look after my children.'"

After that, they go to one of two random booths, one a 'Reality Check' booth and the other, a medical and dental check booth. They go fishing there by selecting small paper fish decorated with a single number. The number corresponds to an event on a nearby board.

"They can find anything from a \$500 inheritance to a \$1,000 fine for DUI (Driving Under the Influence)," Ellis said. "It's a fun thing to do, but it

also shows you things that can affect you in life."

The medical/dental booth works much the same way, except students can draw from medical emergencies and then look at the cost of dealing with both with and without medical insurance.

The BPW has sponsored the event for about five years now, she said. They traditionally bring the program to Wayne Memorial High

School, the Tinkham Adult Education Center and to John Glenn High School.

It will take place from 7:20 a.m. to 2 p.m., she said.

Donna McEachern, a member of the Wayne BPW, said the planning for the event is going well, with one possible exception.

"We need more volunteers," she said.

Anyone who wants to volunteer during the event can call Ellis at (734) 419-2646 or the chamber at (734) 721-0100.

"The kids love it, the schools think it's beneficial," Ellis said. "The people that volunteer from the community feel good about it."

## WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 18, chapter IV, Act 283 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, seven or more freeholders have petitioned the County of Wayne to absolutely abandon and discontinue:

All of Jewell Avenue, 60 feet wide, as dedicated for the use of the public in McMullan Brothers Huron Hills Subdivision, being part of the N.W. ¼ of the S.W. ¼ of Section 21, T. 3 S., R. 8 E., Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 61 of plats on Page 54, Wayne County Records.

Therefore, it has been decided a Hearing be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., at the Wayne County Department of Public Services, 415 Clifford Street, 3rd Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48226, and that a Hearing Examiner of the county shall hold said hearing and obtain all necessary facts and information, concerning the advisability of either granting or denying said petition, and shall report all findings of fact to the Board of Wayne County Commissioners.

True copies of this notice are to be served, posted and published in accordance with the provisions of said Act No. 283 of 1909, as amended.

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Attention: Curtis M. Brochue  
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Detroit, Michigan. 48226  
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## ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2004-11 March 16, 2004

Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, March 16, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Rd. All Members Present. APPROVED: minutes of Special & Regular Meetings of March 2, 2004; site plans for JMD Contractors, 3935 First St., Paradise Nails, 35129 Mich. Ave. E.; City of Wayne, 3355 S. Wayne Rd.; S & R Auto Collision, 3433 Filbert St.; requests from Moslem Shrine Temple to solicit donation on June 10, 11 & 12, V.F.W. Harris-Kehrer Post No. 3323 to solicit donation for "Buddy Poppies", proclaiming March 21-27 as Severe Weather Awareness Week, joining into Michigan Suburbs Alliance, \$300.00 donation for Wayne-Westland Veteran's Parade Council; bids awards for grass cutting, playground equipment at Civitan Park, Water & Sewer Replacement Program Phase IV - Slip Lining; 2004 Special Assessment Roll for weeds, boarding up & cleaning debris; lot splits for parcels #55-017-02-0010-302 & #55-004-990002-000; contract with Wayne county for grant to remove sled hill at Attwood Park; Professional Services Agreement with Ayres, Lewis Norris & May for design & Bid specifications & engineering services for sled hill removal; replacement of hot water heater in aquatic area on an emergency basis; purchase of athletic equipment for R.E.C.; third year of four-year contract for Fireworks Show; extension of Personal Services Contract with Robert Dahlman; Professional Services Agreement with John DiPiero for 2003 Wayne Housing Commission Year End Audit; closure of Wayne Rd on May 30th for Memorial Day Parade. Received and filed Communications & Reports & Consent Calendar. Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Mary E. Carney  
City Clerk

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## CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF FILING 2004 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 2003 NOXIOUS WEEDS, REFUSE, DEBRIS, AND BOARDING UP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the 2004 Special Assessment Roll for the 2003 Noxious Weeds, Refuse, Debris & Boarding Up has been prepared, which sets forth the cost and expense in connection herewith to be charged against each separate parcel of land affected by the program and is on file for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, 3355 South Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan.

The amounts set forth in said Roll are payable at the Office of the City Treasurer, without penalty on or before April 19, 2004. The City Council will meet to consider objections to said Roll and review the same at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 20, 2004 in the Council Chambers, 3355 South Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan.

Tax ID No.	Legal Description	AMOUNT
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015-99-0026-704	Part of SW 114 Sec 32 2.86 acres	120.00
016-03-0019-000	Lot 19 Henry Schindlers Sub	220.00
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018-02-0068-000	Lot 68 W. C. Steers add to Village of Wayne	76.65
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018-07-0215-000	Lot 215, Assessors Wayne Plat No. 5	330.00
019-01-0157-000	Lot 157 and W 12 ft of Lot 158 also 1/2 adj vac alley Harroun Pk Currier Invest Cos Sub	920.95
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019-05-0005-000	Lot 5 Glover Sub	70.00
021-01-0401-000	Lot 401 Avondale Sub No. 2	110.00
021-01-0499-301	Lots 499 and 500 Avondale Sub No. 2	220.00
024-01-0992-000	Lot 992 Avondale Sub No. 5	220.00
024-01-1025-000	Lot 1025 Avondale Sub No. 5	110.00
024-02-0015-002	S 1 ft of Lot 15 also Lot 16 Sue Win Gardens Sub	440.00
024-02-0126-002	S part of lot 126 also N part of Lot 127 Sue Win Gardens Sub	110.00
Total		10,762.40

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# SPORTS

## Here's 'Howe' Collection of tributes to first couple of hockey fill book

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

"If you know that you're going to get hit, get up against the boards so you don't fall and get hurt worse."

That's the advice Gordie Howe, the greatest hockey player to ever grace the ice, gave sons Marty and Mark when the three of them

played together on the Houston Aeros during the mid-to-late 70s.

"Although they already knew that, it felt like I was there to defend them," Howe said of the experience. "It was fun."

That was the first and only time that a father and two sons set foot on the same ice at the same time as members of the same team.

But being the first and only is nothing new to Howe, who is hailed as *Mr. Hockey*.

Once Howe finally retired in 1980 after 33 years of professional hockey, he held records in just about every statistical category possible. He established the all-time mark for goals (1,071); assists (1,518); points (2,589); games played (2,421); All Star appearances (29); most Most Valuable Player Awards (seven); most scoring titles (six) and most seasons (32).

Technically, he was in the top five for scoring for 20 consecutive years and is arguably the most complete player to ever play the game, which would include his ability to skate, shoot, fight and intimidate.

As a Detroit Red Wing, where he spent 25 years of his career, Howe helped lead the team to four Stanley Cup championships and compiled a string of seven consecutive league championships as a part of "The

Line" with Sid Able and Ted Lindsay.

He has collected several accolades off the ice as well. He was awarded the Order of Canada, the highest civil honor of that country. He received an honorary doctoral degree from the University of Regina and was the first to garner the Lester Patrick Trophy for outstanding service to hockey in the United States. He also is a member of 11 different Hall of Fames.

Howe is only half of the greatest hockey team ever, however. As much of a force as Gordie Howe was on the ice, his wife, Colleen, was behind the scenes. She not only juggled a marriage, family, sports, school and numerous business ventures, but she may be responsible for the way the game of hockey is played today.

Her groundbreaking achievements include: being the first women manager and agent in sports, the developer of the first Junior A hockey team in the U.S. (the Detroit Junior Red Wings), the first indoor rink builder (Gordie Howe Hockeyland) and the pioneer of many charitable and humanitarian projects.

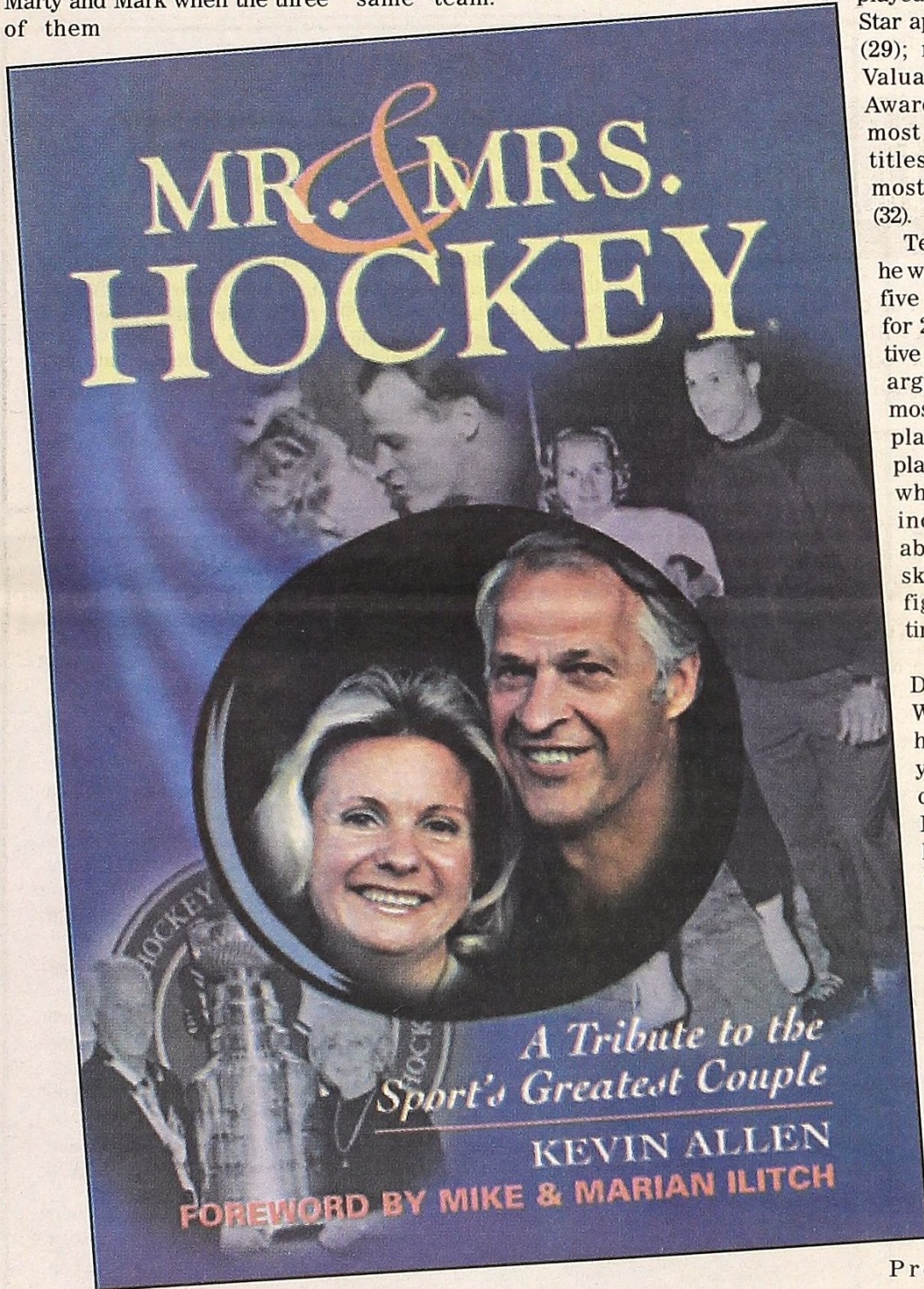
Colleen Howe was the founder and president of Power Play International, Inc. and Power Play Publications, Inc., the companies that preside over all facets of the couple's incredible careers. She has also managed to find the time to be co-author of *After the Applause* and *My Three Hockey Players*. She also self-published and co-authored the book *and...Howe!* which has gone on to sell more than 135 thousand copies, the best selling self-published sports autobiography of all time.

She created the Howe Foundation in 1993, whose mission is to improve the quality of life for children of all ages. She has also helped coordinate projects and fundraising events

including a 65-city fundraising event in celebration of Howe's 65th birthday. The couple collected nearly \$1 million during the tour...all for charity.

Colleen Howe has also been

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# Howe - New book filled with tributes to Mr. and Mrs. Hockey, will help fund dementia fight

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awarded several honors for her achievements. Recently she was honored by The March of Dimes with "The Lifetime Achievement in Sports Award." In 1996, both she and Howe were inducted into the Michigan Jewish Sport Hall of Fame, in the Alvin Food category, making Colleen the first woman to ever win the award. She was also inducted into the Hands of Stone International Museum's Celebrity Hall of Fame and she was named Sportswomen of the Year in 1973.

"I've more than accepted her role in the business side," Howe said. "There's a ton of kids that she has helped get their start in things. To her, it was a sport for every kid."

"She said 'we have to give the American boy a chance to play the game'," he added. "That's when she wanted to build Gordie Howe Hockeyland and she didn't quit there."

In 1973, through research, hard work and persuasive creativity, Colleen Howe changed hockey history in yet another way. She found a way for her sons to be drafted at an early age by the World Hockey Association (WHA). She discovered that the WHA did not have an age restriction like the National Hockey League (NHL), which prohibited players under the age of 20 from entering professional hockey. The discovery allowed her sons and other superstars such as Wayne Gretzky to follow their dreams of playing professional hockey at an earlier age.

The NHL subsequently revised the underage policy.

The breakthrough also allowed Howe to come out of retirement at 45 to fulfill his dream of playing with his sons with the Houston Aeros.

"Every game had a certain amount of excitement to it," Howe said. "But, nothing can replace the family aspect of it, though. It made practice a lot better - practice is probably the loneliest part of the game."

Family is the Howes' other rare accomplishment. Last year the two superstars celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and have learned plenty throughout their half century together.

"Listen when you have to and talk when you need to," Howe advised. "Be each other's best friends - talk about things."

Both Gordie and Colleen Howe have lived unbelievable lives, together and apart, and have had careers unparalleled by any other individuals in sports history. They have reached out to an untold number of fans, inspired countless athletes and have touched the hearts of people in need across North America.

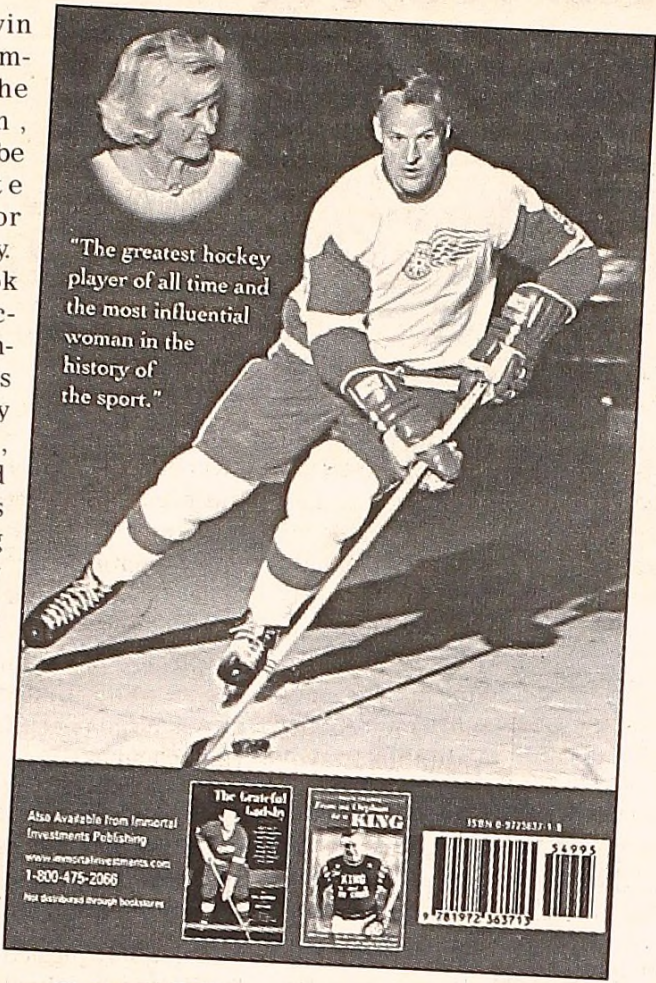
Mike Reddy of Westland and Immortal Investment Publishing, have published a new book, *Mr. and Mrs. Hockey, A Tribute to the Sports' Greatest Couple*. The book depicts the lives and careers of the Howes through the eyes of people inside and outside of hockey, according to Del Reddy, the Howes' publicist. Sports

writer Kevin Allen compiled the anthem, which will be complete with color photography.

The book is a collection personal stories written by family, friends and celebrities including hockey coach Scotty Bowman; one of the top players of all time, Bobby Hall; and one of the best newscasters of our time, Peter Jennings. The compilation includes 50-75 stories, Del Reddy said.

The book will only be available through the website, mrandmr-

shockey.com or by calling (800) 475-2066. It will cost \$49 but is certain to become a collector's item with Gordie Howe's auto-



graph, Del Reddy said.

The book, like most things in the Howes' lives will help a worthy cause. It will help raise money to help find a way to eradicate dementia, a disease affecting the minds of millions of Americans including Colleen Howe. The last few years have been tough for Gordie and Colleen as the ensuing battle against the mind-deteriorating disease continues.

"You wonder what the hell the

world has come to," Gordie said about Colleen's battle with dementia. "It's like losing all of your hockey games - you feel terrible but you know that there's nothing you can really do."

Sometimes life can be as brutal as the game of hockey, Howe said.

So remember, when life's ready to check you, get against the "boards" - family, friends and fans will be the support necessary to deter further injury.

*There's a ton of kids that she has helped get their start in things. To her, it was a sport for every kid.*

## City of Westland Invitation to Bid

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, 48185-2298, on April 8, 2004, at 11:15 a.m. for the following (no exceptions will be made for late filings):

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Dwayne R. Harrigan  
Controller

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## CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES Mtg. No. 6 - 3/15/04

- Presiding: Council President Pickering  
Present: Godbout, Graunstadt, Kehr, LeBlanc, Stottlemeyer, Wild  
68-Approved Agenda as presented  
69-Approved minutes of regular meeting held 3-1-04  
-Approved request from Westland Rotary Club & Westland Jaycees to conduct Easter Flower Sale 4-9 to 4-11-04 at various businesses in the City.  
-Approved request from Moslem Shriners to solicit funds 6-10 to 6-12-04 at various intersections & businesses within the City.  
-Approved request from Shrine Circus to conduct parade on 5-21-04 at 7:00 p.m., starting from W.P.Faust Library, proceeding south on Central City Parkway to Cliff Orr Drive.  
-Approved request from VFW Harris-Kehrer Post 3323 to sell "Buddy Poppies" on 5-6 to 5-8-04 at various intersections within the City.  
-Approved request from St. Richards Church to conduct "2004 Crop Walk" on 5-2-04 at 2:30 p.m. using T.H.Brown/Central City Park walking track.  
-Approved request from Westland Lion's Club to solicit funds for White Cane Week 4-30 to 5-9-04 at various intersections within the City.  
-Approved request from Westland Lion's Club to solicit funds for Christmas Candy Cane fundraiser 12-1 to 12-25-04 at various intersections within the City.  
-Adopted prepared Resolution Accepting Biggs Auto Renovation Long-Term Maintenance of Storm Water Management System & Maintenance Agreement.  
-Set public hearing date of 5-3-04 for proposed 2004-2005 Budget.  
-Approved Curtis Woods/Kiwanis Park Grant Application for Soccer Grant Proposal, total \$260,000.00, City cost \$67,600.00.  
-Approved 2-year contract with Alternative Service Concepts LLC for Workers Compensation Administration.  
71-Approved request from Westland Fire Dept. Public Awareness Committee to conduct Children's Fire Safety Carnival at 7420 N. Wayne Rd on 5-6 thru 5-16-04.  
72-Granted Revised Site Plan Approval for proposed Landscaping Improvements, Emerald Pointe Condos, sw corner of Hix Rd & Koppnick, with contingencies.  
73-Granted Site Plan Approval for proposed Whitetail Run site condos, n.side of Ann Arbor Trail, e. of Farmington Rd, with contingencies.  
74-Granted request of C. Laity to split Lots #180-182 Warren Rouge Park Subdivn., w.side of Gilman, n. of Warren, w. of Inkster Rd, with contingencies.  
75-Granted request of C. Threadingham to split Lots #320-325 Subdivn. No. 1, s.side of Pardo, s. of Ford Rd, e. of Wayne Rd, with contingencies.  
76-Approved Checklist Activity: \$450,198.16 and Prepaid: \$5,661,845.75.

Mtg. Adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

CHARLES W. PICKERING  
Council President

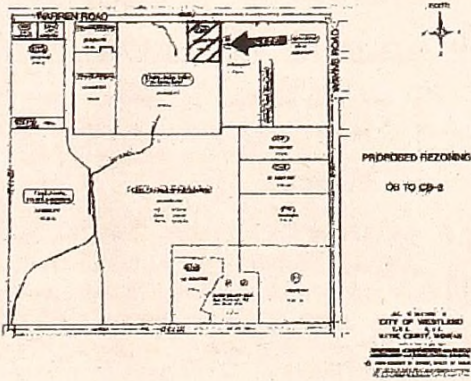
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## CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

**Case #2099B, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Johnny Carino's Restaurant, Westridge Shopping Center, Parcels #020-99-0008-706 and 0008-714, South Side of Warren Road, West of Yale Avenue,, NE-8, Mark Drane (Daniel Stern)**



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 6, 2004.

Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman  
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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# Titans, Braves no match for Tigers in regional play

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The Belleville Tigers continued to breeze by opponents last week. They captured their Region A championship with a 61-45 victory over the Ypsilanti Braves on Friday night in Romulus.

Josh Young scored the first points of the game to give the Braves a 2-0 lead, but it would be the first and last time that they would have the advantage in the game.

It took almost two minutes before Belleville senior Matt Miller nailed a three-pointer to put his team to move ahead, 3-2. That was the beginning of the end for the Braves.

From there, the Tigers went on a 10-0 scoring rampage to make it a 13-2 game with 1:01 left in the first quarter. Ypsilanti's Terrance Tubbs scored a three-point play to finish out the first quarter with a 13-5 score.



Belleville's Tyler Jones (34), Will Jones and Joshua Ivan, defend against Southgate's Jeff Zeleji in last Wednesday's regional quarterfinal match up. The Tigers led the entire game to take home a 64-44 victory

The Braves were hesitant to shoot in the second quarter and their passes were picked off by Belleville's aggressive defense. The Tigers edged further ahead and outscored the Braves, 12-8,

in the second to head to the locker room with a 25-13 lead.

Tyler Jones opened the third round with a three-pointer to capitalize on Belleville's lead, 28-13. Later in the quarter, the

Tigers went on a 16-0 scoring spree to put the game out of reach for Ypsilanti at 45-21 with a whole other quarter to play.

It's not too often that a high school player has the opportuni-

ty to dunk the ball, or if he has the chance to he is unable to, but Belleville sophomore sensation Leon Freeman had three opportunities and capitalized on all of them.

"He really had an outstanding game for us," said Belleville coach Mike Krogel. "I was really pleased with the performance and he seemed to enjoy himself out there."

The entire team appeared to enjoy the game as they outscored the Braves 16-14 in the final eight minutes to conquer the region with a 61-45 victory.

"We shut them down," Krogel said. "We took away their fast break and we were getting some tough rebounds and were able to move ahead. We were aggressive on defense and that usually creates opportunities for our offense."

Tyler Jones led the team with 15 points and Freeman added 13.

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## Game 3: Whalers fall to Rangers, 5-4, lead series, 2-1

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The Kitchener Rangers scored four goals in the second period of Game 3 to overcome the Plymouth Whalers in a 5-4 victory Monday night. The Whalers lead the series 2-1.

Plymouth's Tim Sestito lit up the scoreboard first with his second playoff goal at 13:25 in the first period of play. Captain James Wisniewski and Brent Mahon earned the assists. The period ended 1-0 for the Whalers.

Kitchener blew the game open in the second with four unanswered goals. Petr Kanko, Andre Benoit, Peter Franchin and Nathan O'Nabigon all scored for the Rangers. Benoit scored on a power play with Andrew Fournier in the box for obstruction tripping so the O'Nabigon goal was scored shorthanded.

The Whalers battled back in the third period with three goals, but Kanko scored once more to put the game away for Kitchener.

Mike Knight scored two goals in the final period. The first came at 3:58 with help from John Vigilante and John Mitchell and the second went in at 17:25 with the assist going to Mitchell. The two goals cut into the Rangers' lead 4-3.

Kanko scored his goal 19 seconds later but Mike Letizia put the final Plymouth goal in the net 14 seconds later at 17:58.

The Whalers couldn't get the puck past Kitchener's goalie Brad Tipping in the final two minutes and that ended their hopes of sweeping the Rangers in the first round of the playoffs. Ryan Nie made 33-38 saves in Plymouth's efforts.

**Game 2: Whalers 6, Rangers 2**

The Plymouth Whalers took a commanding 2-0 lead in their

playoff series with a 6-2 walloping of the Kitchener Rangers on Saturday night at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

Wisniewski led the assault with two goals and an assist. Mitchell followed with a goal and two assists in the playoff victory. Evan McGrath led the Rangers with two goals and O'Nabigon contributed with two

assists.

McGrath scored the first goal of the game to give the Rangers their first lead of the series. He put the puck past Plymouth's goaltender Nie off a pass from Jesse Boucher at 8:20 in the first period.

The Whalers powered back to score five unanswered goals. Vigilante, from Knight and Nick Vernelli, knotted the score, 1-1,



The Plymouth Whalers took a 2-0 lead over the Kitchener Rangers in their playoff series with a 6-3 victory in game two Saturday. Kitchener came back to win game three, 5-4, on Monday night.

at 16:12 in the first. Whalers' newcomer, Andrew Fournier, scored exactly one minute later to put the team up, 2-1. Wisniewski and Jonas Fiedler contributed the assists on the play.

Plymouth didn't stop there. They scored twice late in the second to extend their lead to 4-1. Sestito hit for the first one with help from Mahon and

Richard Power at 15:28 and Wisniewski nailed the second of the period at 18:01 on a power play. Mitchell and Gino Pisellini earned the assists. The Whalers gained the man-advantage when Boris Valabik was sent to the penalty box for elbowing.

The trio of Wisniewski, Mitchell and Pisellini opened

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### WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by Wayne-Westland Community Schools in the Business Office of the Administration Building, located at 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185, until 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2004, for management of the Food Service Program. Bids must be in accordance with specifications now on file. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building. Bid packets will be available at this meeting. Bids must be filed in a sealed envelope marked "Food Service Management Bid". A bid bond, certified check or cashier's check made payable to Wayne-Westland Community Schools in the amount of 5% of the bid must accompany each bid. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Sheila King  
Supervisor of Business/Purchasing  
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### Speak no evil, see no evil, Oakwood takes care of the third

By David N. Madgy, D.O.,  
pediatric ear, nose and throat surgeon

What's the number one reason why kids see a physician? According to the American Academy of Otolaryngology, it is for an ear infection.

Ear infections are more prevalent in children because their "tube" has not fully developed yet. The Eustachian tube is a narrow canal that connects the back of the eardrum to the back of the throat. This prevents fluid in the middle ear from building up causing an infection and/or hearing loss.

Another purpose of the tube is to maintain the pressure in the middle ear so that it is consistent with the outside air pressure. It protects the middle ear from bacteria and other germs that are in the nose and throat. Infection can occur when the tube fails to perform its job.

Kids have more ear infections because their tubes are smaller, more horizontal and straighter than adults. All of these make bacteria more assessable. The tube is less rigid in children and its small opening is easier to obstruct. It is also not uncommon for fluid to be in the ear on a well-baby visit.

There are different forms of treatments and management depend-

ing on the situation. For infections, the utilization of antibiotics are most common. Also, topical drops can be inserted into the ear to help relieve the pain. In recent studies and publications, the use of antibiotics is being rethought. With the growing resistance to antibiotics, research is being done to explore other treatment options.

If an infection or fluid lasts for greater than three months it can become a chronic condition, and surgery is then considered. The most common form of surgery is myringotomy and tympanostomy tubes, which is quick, easy and virtually painless.

Myringotomy is a small incision made on the eardrum. Through

this incision, the tympanostomy tubes, which are very tiny, are inserted into the eardrum to allow the drainage that the eustachian tubes are not performing. This procedure is very popular and very successful.

Dr. Madgy is a board certified otolaryngologist at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne and Oakwood Healthcare Center - Canton. He attended both the University of Michigan and the College of Osteopathic Medicine in Iowa. He has just started practicing in western Wayne County and has been in practice for more than 14 years in Clinton Township, Detroit and Southfield. For more information or to make an appointment, please call 734.454.2710 or visit [www.oakwood.org](http://www.oakwood.org).

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Belleville Head Coach Mike Krogel lays out the game plan during a time out against Southgate. The win moved the Tigers into the regional finals against the Ypsilanti Braves, which they won, 61-45.

## Basketball - Tigers ready for state quarterfinals

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Matt Miller contributed with 11 and Rob Igbawua stepped up, made some big plays and put in nine points, according to Krogel.

Young led the Braves with 23 points.

Belleville displayed the same tenacity when they tipped off against the Southgate Titans in the regional semi-finals at Romulus High School on Wednesday, March 17. The end result was a 64-44 victory for Belleville.

A three-pointer by Southgate's Byron Glenn tied the game 6-6 but that was as close the Titans would come in the game. Belleville's Josh Samarco nailed consecutive threes to end the first quarter, 18-6.

Southgate battled back some in the second but was still outscored 13-12. Belleville ended the first half with a 31-18 lead.

Miller opened the second half with four baskets from the free-throw line to extend the lead to 35-18. After that it was a matter of staying on their feet as they raced down hill to the finish line. Belleville entered the final quarter of play with a commanding 45-27 lead and didn't let up.

In the fourth quarter, Belleville outscored the Titans 19-17, to move into the finals with a 64-44 triumph.

"We knew we would have to make some adjustments depending on what they did defensively," Krogel said. "And we knew that we would have to handle their spread-out offense."

"We went on a couple of runs at the end of the first and second," he added. "That really opened the game up and made it tough for them to come back."

Miller led the efforts with 17 points and Tyler Jones added 16 for Belleville. Samarco hit for

nine and both Andre Olden and Freeman knocked down seven each.

Jeff Gorka led Southgate with 18 points.

The victories propelled the Tigers into the State quarterfinals, which started Wednesday night at the University of Detroit's Callahan Hall. Their opponent last night was Detroit Redford.

The results were unavailable at press time, but Krogel did have this to say before the game: "They're a good team - bigger, faster and stronger than we are," he said. "We're going to have to put together a pretty good game plan to go up against their pressure defense. Given their size, speed and strength it makes it tougher. We're going to have to play our best game against them."

"It's a great opportunity for us," he added. "And we're going to make the most of it."

## Playoffs- Kitchener Rangers close in on Whalers

FROM PAGE 14

the third period with their second consecutive power-play goal at 4:16. This time, Kitchener's O'Nabigon was in the box for interference to allow Whalers to take a 5-1 lead.

However, the Rangers started to stage a comeback a minute later when McGrath scored his second of the night on a power play. O'Nabigon and Kanko assisted on the tally to make it a 5-2 game. It became a 5-3 contest when Franchin scored the Rangers' third goal of the night with O'Nabigon earning his second assist. Adam Keefe recorded the other assist.

Peter DeBoer, Kitchener's head coach and general manager, pulled their goalie early with almost three minutes left to play but it only allowed Mitchell to slide the puck into the empty net at 17:37. Fiedler was credited with the assist and the game ended with a 6-3 victory for the Whalers.

### Game 1: Whalers 3, Rangers 2

Whalers' net minder Nie stopped 33-35 shots on net to help secure a 3-2 triumph against the Rangers in game one of the playoff series at Kitchener Memorial Auditorium last Thursday night.

After a scoreless first period, Wisniewski scored the first goal of the series on a power play at 7:58 in the second. Vaclav Meidl and Fiedler earned the assists. Kitchener's Boucher was in

the box for slashing at the time of the score. Letizia, with help from Ryan Ramsay and Vigilante, raised the bar and made it a 2-0 lead at 13:12.

The Rangers bounced back at 17:50 in the period to cut into Plymouth's lead, 2-1, with a power-play goal from Keefe. Benoit and Craig Voakes recorded the assists. Fiedler was serving a penalty for slashing, which allowed Kitchener the man-advantage.

O'Nabigon was sent to the box for high sticking at 19:46 in the second which allowed the Whalers to open the third period with a power play. Mitchell took full advantage and put the puck between the pipes at 1:10 in the final period, which would essentially put the game away. Vigilante notched his second assist of the game and Pisellini also helped on the play.

Kitchener didn't go away easy, though. Franchin made it a 3-2 game with help coming from Cam Fergus and Alex MacDonell midway through the final frame of play.

Nie and the rest of the Whalers held the Rangers off for the final 9:13 and escaped with the 3-2 victory.

Game four of the series was played Wednesday night in Plymouth but the results were unavailable at press time. Game 5 will be played tomorrow night in Kitchener; Game 6 will return the Whalers home at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday and Game 7 heads back to Kitchener on Tuesday, March 30.



The Whalers battle for another goal in front of the Rangers' net in Saturday's 6-3 victory.

## Wisniewski signs with Blackhawks

The Chicago Blackhawks announced Monday, March 22 they have signed Plymouth captain and Canton native, James Wisniewski. Details of the contract were not disclosed.

Wisniewski was Chicago's 5th round pick (156th overall) in the 2002 NHL Entry Draft. He had the distinction of playing for the United States Junior Championship Team that captured the gold medal this past December in Finland. It was the first time in the World Junior Championship Tournament's his-

tory that a team from the United States won the gold medal.

In the Tournament, Wisniewski played in six games and scored two goals and had three assists for a total of five points and four penalty minutes.

This season, Wisniewski appeared in 50 games and scored 17 goals, third in OHL among defenseman, and added 53 assists for 70 points with 63 penalty minutes and a +31 rating. His +31 ranking led the team and he was second with 53 assists.

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case, table, chest, lamps,  
dresser.  
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stools, benches,  
table, loveseats, chairs,  
monitors.  
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dryer, chair,  
cooler, 40 + boxes.  
Unit 320: Arthur McKee-  
mattress set,  
chairs, bed frame,  
440 + boxes,  
phonograph.  
Unit 322: Phillip Brown Sr-  
dryer, chairs, 3  
lawn mowers, treadmill,  
micro.  
Unit 353: James Upshaw-  
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clock, nightstand,  
tables, chairs, mattress  
set, golf clubs, boxes.  
Unit 601: Ericka  
Killingbeck- computer  
desk, lawn mower, air

conditioner, ladder,  
wheel barrow, stereo,  
tables, 30 + bags.  
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entertainment  
center, 2 chairs,  
dresser, computer desk.  
Unit 608: Kevin Campbell-  
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swing, air hose,  
tackle box, 2 coolers,  
exercise equipment,  
shelves.  
Unit 683: Robyn Herring-  
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**AUTO AUCTION**  
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8964 Inkster Road  
Romulus, MI 48174  
(734)946-4101  
March 31, 2004  
@ 11:00 a.m.

1999 Stoughton  
1DW1A4827XS246017  
Trailer  
1979 Buick  
4H09A9H102141  
4 Door  
1989 Ford  
1FABP54YXKA221853  
4 Door  
1993 Pontiac  
1G2WH54T1PF223129  
4 Door  
1992 Ford Escort  
1FAPP14JXNW181962  
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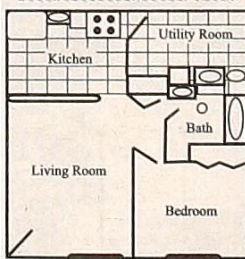
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1994 Ford Probe  
1ZVLT20A5R5102609  
2 Door  
1993 Honda Accord  
1HGCB7695PA163027  
4 Door  
1995 Honda  
1HGCD7269SA043780  
2 Door  
1993 Ford Escort  
1FAPP11JOPW309942  
2 Door  
1995 Ford Contour  
1FALP653XSK235579  
4 Door  
1987 Ford Escort  
1FAPP2197HW245105  
2 Door  
1992 GEO

2C1MR2467N6796808  
2 Door  
1989 Toyota Camry  
4T1SV24E3KU043542  
4 Door  
1989 Pontiac  
1G2NE14U9KC794688  
2 Door  
1998 Chevrolet GMT-400  
2GCEC19MOW1254121  
Pickup  
1998 Chevrolet Cavalier  
1G1JF52TXW7296371  
4 Door  
1994 Plymouth  
1P4GH54R4RX142493  
Sta-Wagon  
1992 Ford  
1FMDU34X5NUB76634  
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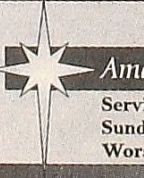
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- 1993 Saturn SL2  
4 Door- Green  
1G8ZK5572PZ171904
- 1995 Pontiac Grand Prix  
2 Door- White  
1G2WJ12M6SF308968
- 1989 Buick Regal  
2 Door- Burgandy  
2G4WB14W8K1411237

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- 1991 Dodge Van  
White  
2B4GK55R7MR193172
- 1988 Cadillac Deville  
4 Door- Silver  
1G6CD5151J4209575
- 1988 Mercury Cougar  
2 Door- Brown  
1MEBM6048JH715211
- 1988 Chrysler New Yorker  
4 Door- White  
1C3BU6638JD239716
- 1988 Chevy Corsica  
4 Door- Gray  
1G1LT5110JE661534

The third auction will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. at T & G Towing, 33032 Ford rd, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder

- 1989 Ford Taurus  
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1FAPB52U0KG288409
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2 Door- Burgandy  
1G2NE1430NM015748
- 1993 Pontiac Grand Am  
4 Door- Burgandy  
1G2NE54N9PM611579
- 1997 Chevy Blazer  
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1GNCT18W1VK190588
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1FAFP66LXXK131287

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Romulus, MI 48174  
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@ 9:00 AM

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1FACP52U6LG138231  
4 Door

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1G1BN54E1LA130969  
4 Door

1989 Oldsmobile  
2G3AJ51N3K2450140  
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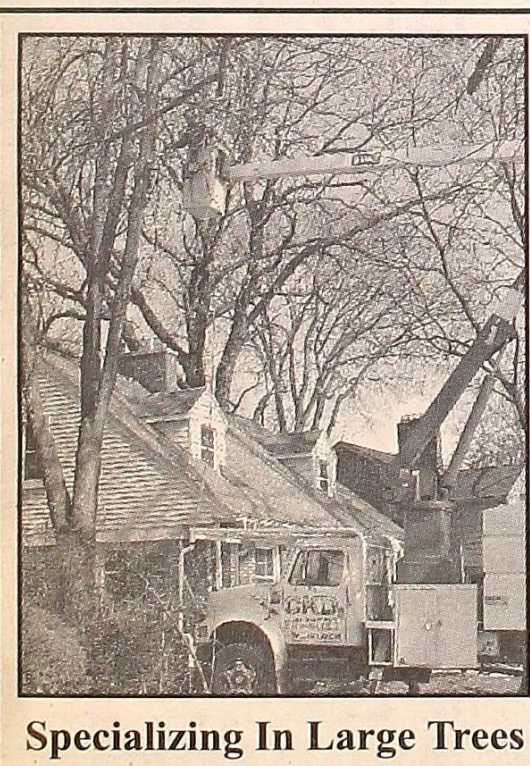
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# Detroit Lions to face police in basketball benefit

Scott Spielman  
Editor

It's not that often that members of a community police department have to take on a professional sports team.

But that's exactly what will happen at 7:30 p.m. May 5, when members of the City of Plymouth Police Department square off against the Detroit Lions in a charity basketball game.

The game is a fundraiser for the union, the Professional Police Officers Association of Michigan, according to Ofc.

Jennifer Dergis, the officer coordinating the event.

"We wanted to do it to raise a little money, but we wanted to have some fun at the same time," she said.

Members of the Lions active roster will be on hand during the basketball game, which will take place at Central Middle School. The school is located on Main Street in Plymouth, across from the Plymouth Historical Museum and city hall. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$35 for a couple and \$600 for a family of up to six members. They can be pur-

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**Ofc. Jennifer Dergis**

chased through various schools throughout the community or by calling Dergis at (734) 453-1234 ext. 259.

She said the football folks will also set aside some time to sign

autographs for fans.


"So will the police officers, if anyone wants them," she said.

The money will go to purchase some equipment for the department, Dergis said. The

City of Plymouth is in a tight budget situation, and will likely be unable to fund any purchases for the department, she said. The funds would go to purchase newer bike equipment for the bike patrol and night vision goggles.

She said the community has already shown some support for the idea, particularly the Plymouth-Canton Community School District, which allowed the game to take place at Central Middle School.

"They donated the facility," she said.



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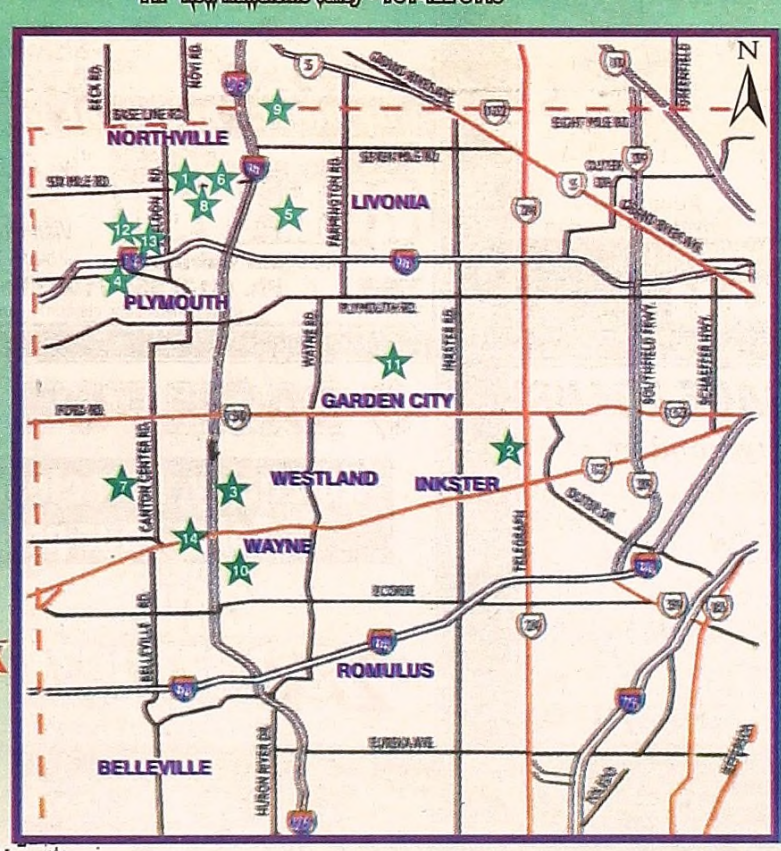
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